



NCA 14-154

CLASSIFICATION: #35. SOCIAL SERVICES/PUBLIC ASSISTANCE/DONATIONS

A LAW OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION AMENDING MCNCA TITLE 35, CHAPTER 13, §13-103 AND §13-106

Be it enacted by the National Council of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation:

SECTION ONE. FINDINGS. The National Council finds that:

A. Due to the continued increase costs of groceries, and to help alleviate funeral and grocery expenses, there is a need to amend the Food for Funeral Assistance Program from Two Hundred and No/100 Dollars (\$200.00) to Three Hundred and No/100 Dollars (\$300.00).

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SECTION TWO. AMENDMENT. This amendment shall be codified in Title 35, Chapter 13 of the Code of Laws of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation; provided that for purposes of codification said amendment and its inclusion in pocket parts of the Code of Laws of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, the Codification Committee is hereby authorized: (1) to approve any changes related to the manner in which sections, articles, chapters and sub-chapters are designated consistent with the format in the Code of Laws published in 2010 by West Publishing Company; (2) to include footnoted references to the legislative history in said pocket parts to the Code of Laws and; (3) to note in said pocket parts any editorial correction of minor clerical or grammatical errors in the following amendment, without further National Council approval:

SECTION THREE. AMENDMENT. MCNCA Title 35 Chapter 13, §13-103 is hereby amended to read as follows:

TITLE 35. SOCIAL SERVICES/PUBLIC ASSISTANCE
CHAPTER 13. TRIBAL BURIAL ASSISTANCE AND FOOD FOR FUNERAL
ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Section 13-103. Policy

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SECTION FIVE. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act shall become effective immediately upon proper approval and execution in accordance with the requirements of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Constitution.

ENACTED by the Muscogee (Creek) National Council on this 27th day of September, 2014.

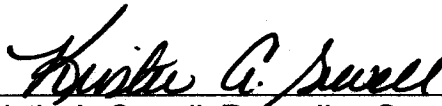
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Speaker of the Muscogee (Creek) National Council has hereto attached his signature.



Thomas Yahola, Speaker
National Council
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CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned, certify that the foregoing is a true extract from the minutes of the Muscogee (Creek) National Council comprised of Sixteen members with **Fifteen** members attending this meeting on the 27th day of September, 2014 and that the above is in conformity with the provisions therein adopted by a vote of 14 in favor, 0 against, and that said Law has not been rescinded or amended in any way and the above is the signature of the Speaker of the National Council.



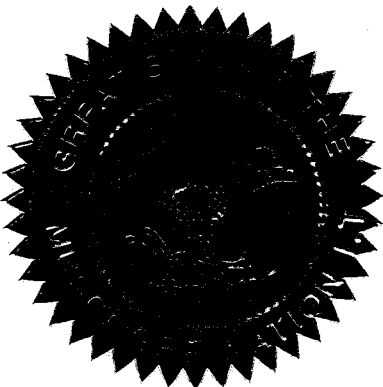
Kristie A. Sewell, Recording Secretary
Muscogee (Creek) National Council

APPROVAL

I, the Principal Chief of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, hereby affix my signature on this 2nd day of Oct, 2014 to the above Law, **NCA 14-154** authorizing it to become a Law under Article VI., Section VI., of the Constitution of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation.



George Tiger, Principal Chief
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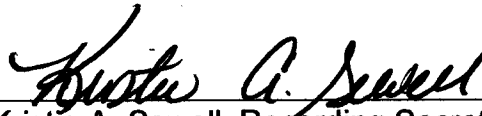
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