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**CHAPTER 1. OFFICIAL HONOR GUARD**

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**Historical and Statutory Notes**

NCA 99-161, § 101, provides:  
 “§ 101. Findings: The National Council finds that:

“A. Four of the Five Civilized Tribes have a tribal honor guard unit to represent their respective Nations at various functions such as parades and military funerals, etc.

“B. The Muscogee Nation has no official honor guard to represent the Nation at these functions.

“C. The Este Cate Veterans have performed such functions and represent themselves with integrity.

“D. This Act will designate the Este Cate Veterans as the official MVSKOKE Nation Honor Guard to represent the Nation in the above mentioned functions.

“E. It is necessary for the honor guard to purchase required items such as uniforms, boots, headgear, flags, staffs, pistol belts, rifles, etc.

“F. Travel is required to participate in these functions it shall be necessary to allow for mileage reimbursement to the participating members of the honor guard.”

**Cross References**

Budget, Este Cate Veterans (MVSKOKE Nation) Honor Guard, see Title 37, § 2-123.

**§ 1-101. Authorization**

The National Council hereby designates the Este Cate Veterans Honor Guard as the Official MVSKOKE Nation Honor Guard.

[NCA 99-161, § 103, approved Nov. 10, 1999; NCA 00-117, § 103, approved July 29, 2000.]

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**§ 1-102. Officers**

The Officers of the MVSKOKE Nation Honor Guard must be enrolled members of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation.

[NCA 99-161, § 103, approved Nov. 10, 1999; NCA 00-117, § 103, approved July 29, 2000.]

**§ 1-103. Administrative leave; mileage reimbursement**

The Principal Chief is further authorized to grant administrative leave to members of the MVSKOKE Nation Honor Guard and mileage reimbursement to members participating in representing the Nation in an official capacity subject to established policies and procedures.

[NCA 99-161, § 103, approved Nov. 10, 1999; NCA 00-117, § 103, approved July 29, 2000.]

**§ 1-104. Reporting requirements**

The Secretary/Treasurer of the Este Cate Veterans Honor Guard shall be required to submit actual copies of the items purchased within thirty (30) days of expenditure to the Principal Chief and the Controller and actual type-written mileage statements (signed by both the Secretary/Treasurer and the honor guard member being reimbursed for mileage) stating the odometer readings to and from the event, the name of the event, and the date the event occurred. These mileage statements are also to be sent to the Office of the Principal Chief and the Controller per existing Muscogee (Creek) Nation mileage reimbursement guidelines.

[NCA 99-161, § 104, approved Nov. 10, 1999.]

## CHAPTER 2. OFFICIAL ALPHABET

### Section

2-101. Authorization.

#### Historical and Statutory Notes

NCA 97-27, §§ 101 to 103, provides:

“Section 101. Findings: The National Council finds that:

“A. The present English and Muscogee Dictionary and Muscogee Hymn books, states in their preface that ‘The alphabet here used was adopted by many interpreters and Chiefs, at the Old Agency, in 1853, as the alphabet of the language.’

“B. The Tribe was fortunate to have individuals of extreme intellect to develop this alphabet.

“C. Our present Constitution did not adopt an official language alphabet.

“D. Present day Ceremonial Grounds use this alphabet in spelling of Ceremonial Ground

names (Tvesekiyv Hocefkv) conferred upon active male members during the Green Corn Ceremonies.

“Section 102. Purpose:

“The intent of this Act is to adopt a standard language alphabet for the Muscogee (Creek) language.

“Section 103. Benefits:

“A. The adoption of this alphabet will continue the foundation set by our Forefathers.

“B. The alphabet will encourage students and individuals to learn to read, sing and to pronounce language words as written.

“C. Any future language writings, literature, markers, historical sites, language courses shall conform to the alphabet.”

#### United States Code Annotated

Native American Languages Act, see 25 U.S.C.A. § 2901 et seq.

### § 2-101. Authorization

A. The Muscogee (Creek) Nation hereby adopts the following Muscogee alphabet as the Alphabet of the Muscogee (Creek) language:<sup>1</sup>

#### MUSKOKEE ALPHABET

- A. a. always broad as in far, as aha, afke.
- C. c. che for ch as ceme, Cevs.
- Ē. ē. long as in meet, as likēs we sit.
- E. e. short, as i in pin, as este a person.
- F. f. as in English.
- H. h. as in English.
- I. i. always long as i in pine.
- K. k. as in English.
- L. l. as in English.
- M. m. as in English.
- N. n. as in English.
- O. o. always long as in note, ofv, opv.
- P. p. as in English.
- R. r. hle, for hl. as rvro for hlvhlo.
- S. s. as in English.
- T. t. as in English.

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U. u. as oo in mood, as hoktuce.

V. v. as u in but, tub as ekvnv.

W. w. as in English.

Y. y. as in English.

**DIPHTHONGS**

Æ. æ. as in Æha, æla.

AU. au. as ou in out, vhaukē.

EU. eu. as in vcakateu.

OU. ou. as in cukou.

UE. ue. as in Uewv.

B. The alphabet of the Muscogee (Creek) language is not intended to replace the daily use of English in conversation or correspondence of Tribal citizens or of Tribal operations in daily activities.

[NCA 97-27, § 104, approved March 27, 1997.]

<sup>1</sup> The alphabet and pronunciation guide here set out is from the preliminary pages of the *English and Muskokee Dictionary*, "Collected from Various Sources and Revised" by R.M. Loughridge and David M. Hodge (Philadelphia: Westminster Press, 1914). The authors noted that "This alphabet was adopted by many Interpreters and Chiefs of the Nation at the Old Agency in 1853, as the Alphabet of the Creek Language."

## **CHAPTER 3. MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION FESTIVAL**

### **Section**

3-101. Purchasing.

3-102. Road race; application for sanction.

### **§ 3-101. Purchasing**

All purchases on behalf of the Festival Committee shall be done by purchase order and must be approved by the Festival Committee.

[NCA 89-52, § 106, approved April 26, 1989.]

### **Cross References**

Creek Nation Festival Account, see Title 37, § 2-212.

Festival Committee, permission for use of Tribal lands, see Title 28, § 4-101 et seq.

### **§ 3-102. Road race; application for sanction**

The Principal Chief of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation is hereby authorized to annually execute a completed USA Track & Field Application for Sanction each year that the Nation organizes and sponsors a five (5) kilometer road race as part of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Festival, provided that the Application for Sanction has been reviewed by the Attorney General and contains no express waiver of sovereign immunity.

[NCA 00-68, § 103, approved May 2, 2000; amended by NCA 01-91, § 3, approved May 25, 2001.]

## **CHAPTER 4. MUSEUM OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE AND REVOLVING FUND**

### **Section**

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- 4-102. Purpose.
- 4-103. Oversight Committee.
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### **§ 4-101. Findings**

A. There needs to be a repository for the works of art, scientific and agricultural advances of a remarkable people that inhabited from the beginnings of time the woodlands, river valleys and vast lands of what is now the southeastern portion of the North American continent.

B. There are Muscogee (Creek) citizens and other individuals, organizations and entities in possession of artifacts, memorabilia and documents who would deposit and/or donate these items to an accredited museum and archives for safekeeping.

C. Prior to and during the Indian Removal Period, many original documents and personal artifacts of Mvskoke people were lost, left behind and/or confiscated. Many of these documents and artifacts are currently in the custody of state and federal governments, private individuals, educational entities, and eleemosynary organizations.

D. Current research has located many of these valuable historical documents and artifacts throughout the southeastern part of the United States, across the Midwest and in Oklahoma.

E. Proper preservation of Mvskoke heritage requires a repository to properly secure the priceless documents and artifacts for many generations to come.

F. Additionally, this repository would house a museum and research facility for the Muscogee (Creek) people, the College of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, academic researchers and the general public.

G. It is in the best interest of this Nation to appropriate funds to build a museum and repository, to be located in or around the Okmulgee Capital Complex, for archives, artifacts and priceless documents.

[Added by NCA 07-101, § 1, eff. May 2, 2007.]

### **§ 4-102. Purpose**

The purpose of this act is to appropriate funds to establish a Muscogee (Creek) Nation Museum, Cultural Center and Archives Revolving Fund for the performance of a site analysis and for the commission of architects, engineers and surveyors to render architectural and other drawings necessary for the building of an accredited museum, cultural center and archives.

[Added by NCA 07-101, § 2, eff. May 2, 2007.]

**§ 4-103. Oversight Committee**

There is hereby created a Muscogee (Creek) Nation Museum, Cultural Center and Archives Development Oversight Committee charged with oversight of planning for the operation, development and implementation of a Master Plan for a Muscogee (Creek) Nation Museum, Cultural Center and Archives. This Committee shall consist of the Principal Chief or designee, one member and alternate from the Business and Governmental Committee, one member and alternate from the Tribal Affairs Committee, one member and alternate from the Human Development Committee, one member and alternate from the Community Services and Cultural Committee, Traditional Expert Amos McNac, Traditional Expert Mike Berryhill, the Muscogee (Creek) Nation District Court Judge, Dr. Betty Gerber and a Ceremonial Ground Mekko and alternate to be selected by the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Museum, Cultural Center and Archives Development Oversight Committee. The Muscogee (Creek) Nation Museum, Cultural Center and Archives Development Oversight Committee shall organize within thirty (30) days, select a Chairman and Vice-Chairman, appoint a Record Clerk for all record keeping purposes and set regular meeting dates and times. Meetings held at the Capital Complex shall be in the District Courtroom and video recorded. Meetings may from time to time be scheduled and conducted over the internet, by telephone or at locations to be determined by the Committee. All contracts, expenditures and actions taken by the Committee shall require approval by a majority vote of all Committee members and the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Controller shall provide assistance as required. The Chairman shall report on a quarterly basis to the Muscogee (Creek) National Council and Office of the Principal Chief on all Committee activities accomplished during the prior quarter. The Accounting Policy and Procedures statutorily in effect for the District Court shall be in effect for this Committee. The Muscogee (Creek) Nation Museum, Cultural Center and Archives Development Oversight Committee is authorized to create within the Revolving Fund additional accounts to accomplish the purposes of this Act. The Committee may accept or solicit non-Muscogee (Creek) Nation funds, which may be dedicated by a donor toward specific museum or cultural exhibits, construction or purchases.

[Added by NCA 07-101, § 2, eff. May 2, 2007; amended by NCA 07-220, § 1, eff. Sept. 6, 2007.]

**§ 4-104. Appropriation**

A. The amount of two hundred fifty thousand and no/100 dollars (\$250,000.00) is hereby appropriated from the Capital Improvement Fund Account for implementation of this Act as an appropriation to the Muscogee (Creek) Nation District Court. The Muscogee (Creek) Nation Museum, Cultural Center and Archives Revolving Fund is not subject to fiscal year limitations and upon completion of the purpose of this act all unexpended funds from any source shall be transferred to the governing body of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Museum, Cultural Center and Archives.

B. There is hereby created the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Museum, Cultural Center and Archives Revolving Fund. There is hereby appropriated the sum of two hundred fifty thousand and no/100 dollars (\$250,000.00) from the Capital

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Improvement Fund Account to the Muscogee (Creek) Nation District Court to establish the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Museum, Cultural Center and Archives Revolving Fund to pay for fees, costs, and expenses associated with the developing, designing, implementing and constructing a nationally accredited museum, cultural center and repository for Muscogee (Creek) Nation historical documents and artifacts. This Muscogee (Creek) Nation Museum, Cultural Center and Archives Revolving Fund shall be held by the Muscogee (Creek) Nation District Court for the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Museum, Cultural Center and Archives Development Oversight Committee. Expenditures shall only be made in accordance with the above-mentioned Accounting Policy and Procedures. Whenever this revolving fund contains less than twenty-five thousand and no/100 dollars (\$25,000.00), the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Museum, Cultural Center and Archives Development Oversight Committee shall notify the Speaker of the National Council and the National Council may address a supplemental appropriation to replenish the Revolving Fund.

[Added by NCA 07–101, § 3, eff. May 2, 2007.]

**§ 4–105. Authorization**

The National Council hereby authorizes the Principal Chief or his designee to expend the sum of two hundred fifty thousand and no/100 dollars (\$250,000.00) from the Capital Improvement Fund Account to the Muscogee (Creek) District Court for implementation of this Act.

[Added by NCA 07–101, § 4, eff. May 2, 2007.]