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Tulsa World Magazine has recognized Chief David Hill for his leadership. (Submission)

CHIEF HILL NAMED ONE OF TULSANS OF THE YEAR

CHIEF RECOGNIZED BY TULSA WORLD MAGAZINE FOR COVID-19 RESPONSE

by **MORGAN TAYLOR**
REPORTER

TVLSE, Oklahoma – Principal Chief David Hill was named Tulsan of the Year by Tulsa World Magazine. The title was bestowed to Chief Hill along with Cherokee Principal Chief Chuck Hoskin Jr. and Osage Principal Chief Geoffrey Standing

Bear for their collaborative efforts in fighting the COVID-19 virus. According to the Tulsa World, the three tribes played major roles in offering testing sites and vaccines distributions to communities not limited to tribal members. “Tribes become indispensable partners with the state and county governments to distribute the shots,” Tulsa World wrote of the efforts.

The Muscogee (Creek) Nation purchased the former American Center Treatment Center of Tulsa establishing healthcare in the Tulsa area. The facility immediately opened a monoclonal infusion treatment clinic open for all, not just tribal citizens. Chief Hill told Tulsa World, “We take a lot of pride in being good neighbors.” Two other Muscogee citizens were named Tulsan of the Year for different reasons. Sterlin Harjo, co-creator of “Reservation Dogs” made the list for the positive impact the show has made on Oklahoma. Harjo resides in Tulsa and is currently working on

the second season of the show. All-star Bixby High School athlete Braylin Presley was named Tulsan of the Year for his well-known hard work ethic on and off the field. Presley has an impressive sports resume already, and has recently signed with the OSU Cowboys for the fall football season. Tulsan of the Year is featured in Tulsa World Magazine that is printed six times annually. This was not Chief Hill’s first time to make a big list. Chief Hill was also named Time’s 100 Influential People of 2020 last year for leading the MCN as the McGirt Decision was made in the summer of 2020.

NATIONAL COUNCIL INAUGURATION HELD VIRTUALLY

22ND SESSION ELECT OFFICERS FOR LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

by **LIZ GRAY**
MANAGING EDITOR

OKMULGEE, Oklahoma – The Muscogee (Creek) Nation National Council held its Inauguration Ceremony for the 22nd Session Jan. 15 and was made available to the public virtually. In-person attendance was limited to MCN elected officials, their guests, cabinet members and judges. During the ceremony the National Council elected its officers, Speaker for the legislation branch for the Nation was Okmulgee District Representative Will Lowe with Tulsa District Representative Robert Hufft elected as Second Speaker. Tukvptce District Representative Thomasene Yahola Osborn was selected as Sergeant at Arms after winning a coin toss due to a split vote between Yahola Osborn

and Creek District Representative Joe Hicks. The Council held an Emergency Session Jan. 17 to select committee members. The Health, Education and Welfare Committee will consist of Joyce Deere, Mary Crawford, Leonard Gouge, Robert Hufft and Anna Marshall. Deere will serve as Chairperson and Crawford will serve as Vice-Chair. Land, Natural Resources and Cultural Preservation will be headed by Darrell Proctor as Chairperson with Nelson Harjo Sr. as Vice-Chair. LNC Committee members include Galen Cloud, Joe Hicks and Charles McHenry. Thomasene Yahola Osborn will serve as Chairperson for the Business, Finance & Justice Committee with Sandra Golden as Vice-Chair. Patrick Freeman Jr., Randall Hicks and Mark Randolph form the rest of the BF&J Committee.



Muscogee (Creek) Nation National Council Representatives for the 22nd Session. (Submission)



The U.S. Supreme Court will hear oral arguments for Oklahoma v. Castro-Huerta in April. (Shutterstock)

U.S. SUPREME COURT TO ADDRESS MCGIRT RELATED QUESTION

COURT WILL NOT RECONSIDER AFFIRMATION OF RESERVATIONS

by **LIZ GRAY**
MANAGING EDITOR

WASHINGTON – The U.S. Supreme Court has declined to reconsider the landmark decision affirming the Muscogee (Creek) reservation, but announced on Friday, January 21 that the court would address one question out of all the petitions submitted by the state of Oklahoma. Oklahoma v. Castro-Huerta was granted a writ of certiorari limited to Question 1 presented by Oklahoma’s Attorney General on whether the state can prosecute non-Indians for

crimes involving Native Americans on reservations. The case will be set for oral argument in April. The petition caught headlines when the cities of Tulsa and Owasso filed briefs in support of overturning what is commonly referred to as the McGirt decision. The Chickasaw, Choctaw, Cherokee and Muscogee (Creek) Nation filed briefs in support of maintaining reservation status, denying the “sky is falling” narrative spearheaded by Oklahoma Governor Kevin Stitt. This is a developing story and Mvskoke Media will provide updates as they become available.

SCHOLARSHIP PAGEANT APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN

DEADLINE TO BECOME THE NEXT MUSCOGEE NATION GOODWILL AMBASSADOR MARCH 4

by **LANI HANSEN**
SENIOR REPORTER

OKMULGEE, Oklahoma – Mvskoke Nation Youth Services is excited to announce the applications for the 2022 Miss and Jr. Miss Muscogee (Creek) Nation Scholarship Pageant are now available. According to the Mvskoke Royalty website, the pageant provides an educational scholarship opportunity for young Mvskoke women to represent the Nation as goodwill ambassadors. The two young ladies selected will serve a yearlong reign which include educational, social, cultural and public appearances as well as speaking engagements. Through this pageant, young women develop their sense of self-confidence, poise, public speaking skills, social skills, and expand their cultural knowledge of Mvskoke history, customs and traditions. Eligibility to apply for the pageant include the following: contestants must be between the ages of 14-17 for Jr. Miss and 17-24 for Miss, be a Muscogee (Creek) citizen, have a 2.5 GPA and enrolled in high school, college and this year the pageant has added vocational or trade school as an option for participants.



Muscogee (Creek) Nation Scholarship Pageant applications are available now through March 4. (MM File)

Once applications have been submitted, the contestants are expected to attend the Royalty Retreat. The retreat is set for April 2 at the College of the Muscogee Nation. This mandatory event will be a full day of classes for the contestants. “We have assigned them a language speaker,” Mvskoke Royalty Coordinator LuAnn Bear said. “Contestants have trouble with their introductions or scared to do it, so we have assigned them their own instructor. They will have their lan-

guage instructor all the way until pageant day.” Vendors will be set up at the retreat for the girls where they will be assisted in ordering dresses, moccasins, beadwork and anything needed for the pageant. Other classes include helping the contestants with their talent or makeup. Another day is set aside for the contestants to walk through the pageant, known as Royalty Ready, set for May 7. They will be able to practice their intro

STATE POLITICAL FIGHTS, CHANGES, ACHIEVEMENTS

BATTLE WITH THE STATE GOVERNOR; MORE CHANGES; NEW LEADERSHIP;

by GARY FIFE
RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

OKMULGEE, Oklahoma—It's been from the word 'go' that differences between Oklahoma Governor Kevin Stitt and tribal governments have arisen says Muscogee Nation Principal Chief David Hill. In an interview recently on Mvskoke Radio, Hill said that right after assuming office, Stitt started it all with his effort to change the rules of tribal gaming compact, claiming the old limits had expired. Subsequent initiatives from the Governor have been aimed at reducing the sovereign powers of tribal government.

Stitt recently even used the inaccurate description of the relationship between the tribal governments and the state government as one "based on race." Wrong, wrong, wrong.

So now, the leaders of three of the "Five Civilized Tribes" have announced their opposition to the re-election of Stitt as Governor. If these tribal memberships organize and vote as a bloc, that represents somewhere around 400,000 votes, a lotta bang fer the buck. (Speaking of bucks, around \$52 billion is what tribes contribute to state and local economies.)

An interesting quote about Stitt that Hill made: "The Governor is used to sitting at the head of the table, now with the (U.S.) Supreme Court's ruling, that table is round."

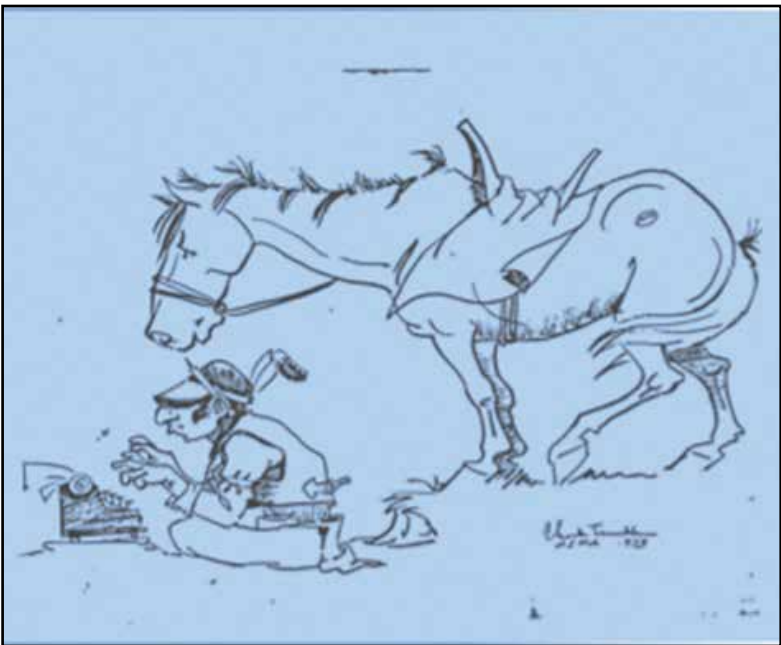
The Interior Department is making the effort to rid the country of names considered 'derogatory' to Native Americans. The feds have been assembling an advisory committee to identify geographic names and federal land unit names that are considered derogatory and come up with suitable replacements.

Any federal site with the 'Sq...w' word is a likely candidate and Interior Secretary Deb Haaland wants it changed, saying, "those terms perpetuate a legacy of oppression."

Already several private locations and recreational resorts have made the change on their own. More power to them.

More progress on the educational front. Grunge Magazine, out of New York, has recently published a capsule look at the history, types and usage of war bonnets.

To their credit, the article includes descriptions of who may wear them, why they are worn and federal restrictions on who may possess eagle feathers. It also writes about who should not wear or 'appropriate' a war



bonnet. It also mentions that several major music festivals have banned the practice of non-Natives wearing the bonnets as fashion accessories.

Just to be fair...here's a bit from the other side of the question. The Denver Post ran a story about a North Dakota group that is suing the State of Colorado over a law banning American Indian school mascots. The Native American Guardian's Association contends such names, mascots and logos are meant to honor Native Americans. Do you feel honored by a school mascot with the name "Chief Ugh Lee", huh?

The statue of President Theodore Roosevelt has been removed from the plaza outside the American Museum of Natural History in New York City. It depicted Roosevelt riding a horse with a Native American man and an African-American

man walking alongside in a subjugated fashion. The decades of criticism finally resulted in the sculptures' being removed at the request of the museum. It's now headed for North Dakota.

Another casualty of the COVID pandemic: the Annual Challenge Bowl is being postponed. The tribal education program staff decided to hold off because of the resurgence of the virus and its new 'Omicron' variant. No future date has been announced.

New National Council Members have been inaugurated and a new Speaker and Second Speaker chosen.

Speaker of the legislative branch for the Nation is Okmulgee District Representative Will Lowe with Tulsa District Representative Robert Hufft elected as Second Speaker. Thomasene Yahola Osbourne was elected Sergeant At-Arms.

Sandra Golden now represents Okfuskee District Seat B; Nelson Harjo has been elected for Okmulgee Seat B; and Leonard Gouge was chosen as Representative for Tulsa Seat B.

With new representatives seated, let's see how the dynamics of the Council change.

Mvskoke poet, author and musician Joy Harjo has yet another honor added to her resume: First Artist In Residence at the Bob Dylan Center in Tulsa. The Center is a national archive for the various works of the internationally known musician and artist. Harjo herself has produced seven award winning albums.

And as if that weren't enough...Indian Country Today reports, Harjo is teaching an Online "Masterclass in Poetic Thinking. It is described as a 'how-to' tackle many of the challenges encountered in creative writing. Compared to her writing of what might be called "culinary masterpieces", my stuff is pretty much 'meat and potatoes'. Maybe I should be looking into the course?

Native American activist, Clyde Bellecourt has passed away. The White Earth Ojibwe man was one of the founders of the American Indian Movement and participated in several of its most public activities. He was 85.

Enough for now, time to find a warm spot and curl up. Hvtvm cerecares—I'll see you later.

Disclaimer: The views expressed are those of the author and not necessarily those of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation.



COUNCIL COVERAGE

BFJ

BUSINESS, FINANCE & JUSTICE

The first Business, Finance & Justice meeting for the 22nd Session was held January 20 via teleconference. (MN File)

GOAB WISHES TO FUND THE INSURANCE RESERVE FUND

REP. GOLDEN SPONSORS LEGISLATION FOR CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT AND DEPT. OF COMMERCE

by MORGAN TAYLOR
REPORTER

OKMULGEE, Oklahoma - A Muscogee (Creek) Nation National Business, Finance, and Justice meeting was held Jan. 20 via teleconference.

All passed legislation is subject to the full council approval during the Jan. 29 Quarterly Session.

BFJ addressed the following legis-

lation, the interpretation of which is attributed to language in the bills:

TR 22-008

Authorizing the Gaming Operations Authority Board to deposit additional funds in the MCNC Insurance Reserve Fund. Representative Patrick Freeman sponsored the legislation, which passed 4-0.

The MCN casinos shut down due to the pandemic in 2020 causing a loss

of generating funds. Prior to the pandemic, the River Spirit Casino experienced a flood leaving in damages in the amount of 28.2 million. Insurance only covered 13.6 million.

Insurance renewals went up over 200% from previous year's renewal and cost \$2,719,629.00 more than last year's premium.

According to Corps of Engineers, a flood event will likely occur in the next ten years as the rivers flow increases.

GOAB wishes to fund the Insurance Reserve Fund with 7.5 million dollars in preparation of future natural disasters.

TR 22-009

Authorizing the Principal Chief to execute a Security Agreement between the MCN and the U.S. Department of

Health and Human Services Administration for Children and Families Office of Child Support Enforcement. Rep. Sandra Golden sponsored the legislation, which passed 4-0.

The MCN Office of Child Support Enforcement seeks to support the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Administration for Children and Families Office of Child Support Enforcement efforts to ensure the security of Federal Parent Locator Service Systems that transmit, store and process FPLS information and confidential Child Support program information.

The security agreement affirms the confidentiality and security of information and complies with all management, operational, and technical controls listed.

TR 22-010

Authorizing the Principal Chief to submit a U.S. Department of the Treasury State Small Business Credit Initiative Grant Application for the benefit for the MCN Department of Commerce. Rep. Golden sponsored the legislation, which passed 4-0.

The Nation has been informed on the availability of grant funding from the U.S. Department of the Treasury for the State Small Business Credit Initiative. The Nation is in need of this funding for small businesses and investment programs. Present budget controls within the Executive Branch would be applied to the MCN Department State Small Business Credit Initiative Grant.

The grant funds of in the amount of \$18,971,288 will provide funding for small businesses and

investment programs.

NCA 22-004

Authorizing acceptance and expenditure of grant funds from the Office of Justice Programs Smart Prosecution-Innovative Prosecution Solutions Benefitting the Office of the Attorney General. Rep. Mark Randolph sponsored the legislation, which passed 4-0.

The MCN Office of Attorney General is in receipt of grant funds from the U.S. Department of Justice Office of Justice Programs in the amount of \$183,864. This act will accept and expend those funds.

Acting Attorney General Kyle Haskins claims the grant will allow the staff at the Office of the Attorney General to receive training, support, and resources.

NCA 22-005

Authorizing the expenditure of the District Attorney's Council 2021 JAG-LLE Grant award for the benefit of the MCN Lighthorse Police Department. Rep. Mark Randolph sponsored the legislation, which passed 4-0.

The grant funds in the amount of \$9,038 will be used to purchase five Microsoft Surface Pros, five UAG Rugged Cases and five Microsoft Surface Pro X Keyboards with trackpads.

In other business, the Committee dealt matters concerning GOAB, Muscogee Nation Business Enterprise, Muscogee International, LLC, and One Fire Holding Company, LLC during an Executive Session that was motioned by Rep. Randall Hicks.

Full agendas and meetings can be viewed at: www.mcnnn.com.

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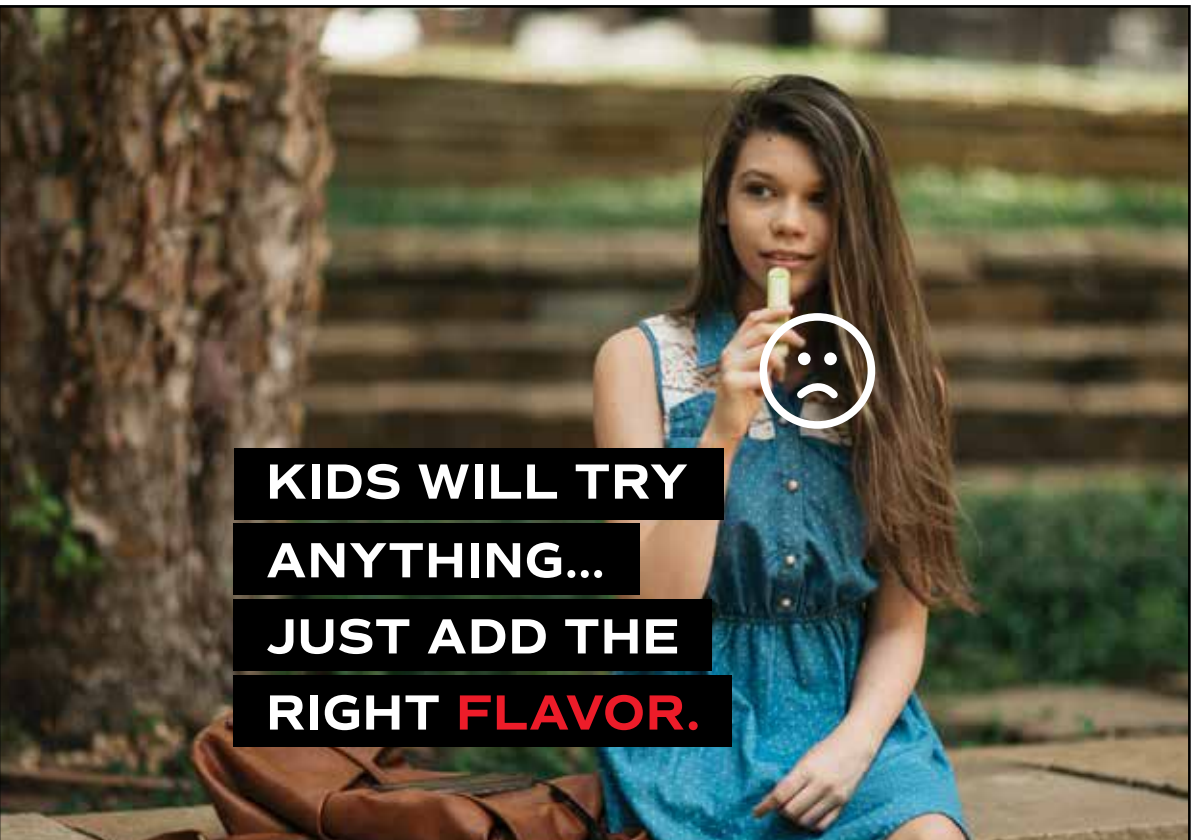
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SESSION - PALE HOKKOLEN ESHOKKOLHAKAT (22TH)





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STANDING COMMITTEES

SESSION - PALE-HOKKOLEN ESHOKKOLOHKAKAT
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Health, Education & Welfare	Galen Cloud, Joseph Hicks, Charles McHenry.
Joyce Deere, Chairperson, Mary Crawford, Vice-Chair, Leon- ard Gouge, Robert Hufft, Anna Marshall.	Legislative Clerk: Tracy Wade. Meeting: 2nd Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.
Business, Finance & Justice	
Legislative Clerk: April Lindsey. Meeting: 2nd Wednesday at 2:00 p.m.	Thomasene Yahola Osborn, Chairperson, Sandra Golden, Vice-Chair, Patrick Freeman Jr., Randall Hicks, Mark Randolph.
Land, Natural Resources & Cultural Preservation	
Darrell Proctor, Chairman, Nelson Harjo Sr., Vice-Chair,	Legislative Clerk: April Lindsey. Meeting: Thursday prior to Plan- ning Session at 3:00 p.m.



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A Muscogee (Creek) Nation National Council Health, Education and Welfare Committee meeting was held January 19 by teleconference. (MN File)

FAMILY VIOLENCE PREVENTION PROGRAM SEEKS TO IMPROVE SERVICES

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH GOES INTO MULTIPLE AGREEMENTS TO PROVIDE BETTER SERVICES

by LANI HANSEN
SENIOR REPORTER

OKMULGEE, Oklahoma — A Muscogee (Creek) Nation National Council Health, Education and Welfare Committee meeting was held Jan. 19 by teleconference.

All passed legislation will go before the full Council during Quarterly Session Jan. 29.

HEW addressed the following legislation, the interpretation of which is attributed to language in the bills:

TR 22-001

Authorizing the Principal Chief to execute a certain agreement between the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Department of Health and Baxter Healthcare Corporation on behalf of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Department of Health. Representative Mary Crawford sponsored the resolution, which passed 4-0.

MCNDH desires to enter into an agreement with Baxter Healthcare Corporation to allow MCNDH to lease infusion pump machines for use at Council Oak Comprehensive Healthcare.

The Agreement imposes an indemnification obligation upon the Nation, limits some claims and remedies, requires application of the laws of the State of Illinois.

TR 22-002

Authorizing the Principal Chief to execute a certain agreement between the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Department of Health and Haemonetics Corporation on behalf of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Department of Health. Rep. Crawford sponsored the resolution, which passed 4-0.

MCNDH desires to enter into an agreement with Haemonetics Corporation to allow MCNDH to purchase a service in order to integrate certain services such as an in-house blood bank at Council Oak Comprehensive Healthcare.

The Agreement imposes an indemnification obligation upon the Nation, requires binding arbitration and application of the laws of the State of Massachusetts and could potentially require the Nation to pay attorney's fees.

TR 22-003

Authorizing the Principal Chief to execute a certain agreement between the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Department of Health and Medivators, INC. on behalf of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Department of Health. Rep. Crawford sponsored the resolution, which passed 4-0.

MCNDH desires to enter into an agreement with Medivators, Inc. to allow MCNDH to purchase a machine to clean endoscopes machines for use at Council Oak Comprehensive Healthcare.

The Agreement imposes an indemnification obligation on the Nation, requires application of the laws of the State of Delaware and requires jurisdiction to be in the State Courts of the State of Delaware.

TR 22-004

Authorizing the Principal Chief to execute a Special Services Attorney Agreement between the Muscogee (Creek) Nation and Sarah Deere for the purpose of providing Legal Services for the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Family Violence Prevention Program. Rep. Anna Marshall sponsored

the resolution, which passed 4-0.

Funding of \$25,000.00 from the Office of Victims of Crime to pay for the legal services of Sarah Deer.

MCN FVPP selected attorney Sarah Deer to provide legal services related to providing Tribal Code review and revisions to strengthen the Nation's Codes on victim's rights.

TR 22-005

Authorizing the Principal Chief to execute a certain agreement between the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Department of Health and the National Library of Medicine, Department of Health and Human Services, on behalf of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Department of Health. Rep. Joyce Deere sponsored the legislation, which passed 4-0.

MCNDH desires to enter into an agreement with the National Library of Medicine, Department of Health and Human Services to allow MCNDH access to the Metathesaurus tool for regulatory reporting.

TR 22-006

Authorizing the Principal Chief to execute a certain agreement between the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Department of Health and Psychological Assessment Resources, INC. on behalf of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Department of Health. Rep. Deere sponsored the legislation, which passed 4-0.

MCNDH desires to enter into an agreement with Psychological Assessment Resources, Inc. to allow MCNDH to access a certain psychological evaluation and assessment tool.

The Agreement imposes and indemnification obligation on the Nation, requires application of the laws of the State of Florida and jurisdiction to be in the state or federal courts in Hillsborough County, Florida.

TR 22-007

Authorizing the Principal Chief to execute a certain agreement between the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Department of Health and NDC Health Corporation D/B/A RelayHealth on behalf of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Department of Health. Rep. Marshall sponsored the legislation, which passed 4-0.

MCNDH desires to enter into an agreement with NDC Health Corporation d/b/a RelayHealth to allow MCNDH to utilize a pharmacy claim service.

The Agreement imposes an indemnification obligation on the Nation and requires application of the laws of the State of Georgia.

NCA 22-001

Authorizing the expenditure of grant funds awarded from Casey Family Programs for the benefit of Children and Family Services Administration. Rep. Marshall sponsored the legislation, which passed 4-0.

The Casey Family Programs grant in the amount of \$90,000.00 awarded to the Children and Family Services Administration will provide support for children in foster care and for families in crisis due to the pandemic.

NCA 22-002

Authorizing the expenditure of grant funds awarded from the Southern Plains Tribal Health Board, Oklahoma Tribal Epidemiology Center as a pass-through entity to the Muscogee

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(Creek) Nation Department of Health improving Tribal Data Sharing Capacity. Rep. Marshall sponsored the legislation, which passed 4-0.

The Southern Plains Tribal Health Board grant in the amount of \$65,000.00 will be used for the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Department of Health to improve tribal data sharing capacity.

NCA 22-003

Authorizing the expenditure of grant funds awarded from the U.S

Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs to the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Department of Health for the Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulant and Substance Abuse site-based program. Rep. Marshall sponsored the legislation, which passed 4-0.

The U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs grant in the amount of \$600,000.00 will be used for the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Department of Health Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulant and Substance Abuse site-based program.

For video of committee meetings visit: www.mcnn.com.

LEGALS

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION
OKMULGEE DISTRICT

IN THE MATTER OF THE ADOPTION OF:)
HUNTER PHOENIX LOPEZ,)
DOB 03/03/2019,)
and)
EDEN DAWN LOPEZ,)
DOB 06/16/2020,)
Minor Children.)

Case No. AD-2021-0001
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SECOND ALIAS NOTICE OF HEARING

THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION

TO: JOHN HUNTER LOPEZ
Biological Father

On the 21st day of June, 2021, an Application was filed in this Court for an Order Determining Children Eligible for Adoption Without Consent of Biological Father, John Hunter Lopez, the biological father of Hunter Phoenix Lopez, born March 3, 2019 at Claremore Indian Hospital in Claremore, Oklahoma, and Eden Dawn Lopez, born June 16, 2020 at Claremore Indian Hospital in Claremore, Oklahoma. Said Application is set for hearing on the 8th day of March, 2022 at 9:00 o'clock a.m. in the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Tribal Courtroom, 2501 Lvnshvike, Okmulgee, Oklahoma 74447.


1. Petitioners have alleged in the Application that said children are eligible for adoption in that you, John Hunter Lopez, the biological father of Hunter Phoenix Lopez, born March 3, 2019 at Claremore Indian Hospital in Claremore, Oklahoma, and Eden Dawn Lopez, born June 16, 2020 at Claremore Indian Hospital in Claremore, Oklahoma, have failed to exercise parental rights or duties over said children, including:

a. Pursuant to Title 6 MCNA §1-901.2, the biological father has failed to maintain a significant relationship with the minor children through visitation or communication for a period of six (6) consecutive months out of the last fourteen (14) months immediately preceding the filing of this Petition for Adoption; and

b. Pursuant to Title 6 MCNA §1-901.4, the biological father has willfully failed to contribute to the support of the minor children as provided in a decree of divorce or in some other court order during the preceding year or, in the absence of such order, consistent with the parent's means and earning capacity.

YOU ARE, THEREFORE, NOTIFIED THAT THE COURT WILL HEAR EVIDENCE IN SUPPORT OF AND IN OPPOSITION TO THE GRANTING OF THE APPLICATION AT THE TIME AND PLACE SHOWN ABOVE WHERE YOU WILL HAVE THE RIGHT TO BE PRESENT AND HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO BE HEARD. YOUR FAILURE TO APPEAR AT SAID HEARING SHALL CONSTITUTE A DENIAL OF YOUR INTEREST IN THE CHILDREN, WHICH DENIAL MAY RESULT, WITHOUT FURTHER NOTICE OF THIS PROCEEDING OR ANY SUBSEQUENT PROCEEDINGS, IN THE ADOPTION OF THE CHILDREN WITHOUT YOUR CONSENT. ALL IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LAWS OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION.

Signed and dated this 10th day of January, 2022


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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION
OKMULGEE DISTRICT COURT

IN THE MATTER OF THE ADOPTION OF:)
ADLEY WILLOW FORRESTER,)
DOB 07/09/2020,)
A Minor Child.)

Case No. AD-2021-0014
MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION
DONNA BEAVER
COURT CLERK

ALIAS NOTICE OF HEARING

THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION

TO: ANY AND ALL INDIVIDUALS WHO MAY BE A PUTATIVE FATHER OF ADLEY WILLOW FORRESTER INCLUDING CHRISTOPHER WILLIAM FORRESTER
Putative Father

On the 19th day of July, 2021, an Application was filed in this Court for an Order Terminating Parental Rights of Putative Father of Adley Willow Forrester, born July 9, 2020 at Peggy V. Helmerich Women's Health Center in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Said Application is set for hearing on the 8th day of March, 2022 at 9:00 o'clock a.m. in the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Tribal Courtroom, 2501 Lvnshvike, Okmulgee, Oklahoma 74447.


1. Petitioner has alleged in the Application that said child is eligible for adoption and that your parental rights may be terminated, pursuant to Title 6 MCNA §1-901, in that you, the putative father of Adley Willow Forrester, born July 9, 2020 at Peggy V. Helmerich Women's Health Center in Tulsa, Oklahoma, have failed to exercise parental rights or duties over said child, including:

a. Pursuant to Title 6 MCNA §1-901.2, the putative father has failed to maintain a significant positive relationship with the minor child throughout visitation or communication for a period of six (6) months out of the last fourteen (14) months immediately preceding the filing of this Petition for Adoption; and

b. Pursuant to Title 6 MCNA §1-901.4, the putative father has willfully failed to contribute to the support of the minor child as provided in a decree of divorce or in some other court order during the preceding year, or in the absence of such order, consistent with the parent's means and earning capacity.

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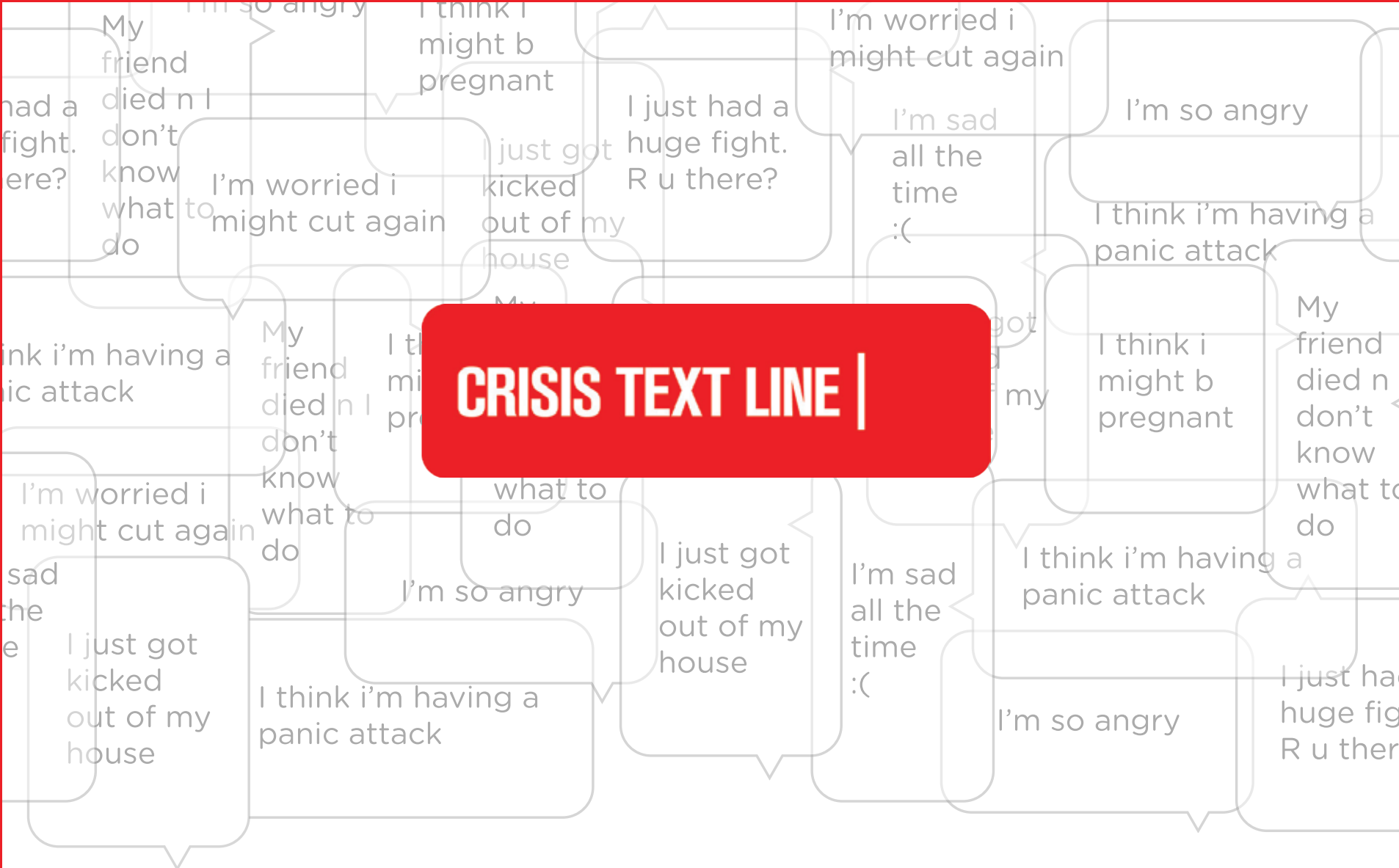
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Fiscal Year 2022

In accordance with the following legislation:

NCA 20-050 A law of the Muscogee Creek Nation amending **NCA 20-038** (A law of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation authorizing the expenditures of **Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act** (“**CARES Act**”) funds received from the United States Department of the Treasury to establish the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Coronavirus Relief Fund Program.)

SECTION 7. REPORTING. A report shall be provided bi-weekly by the Office of the Principal Chief to the Muscogee (Creek) Nation National Council and Mvskoke Media documenting all expenditures of the CARES Act funds.

Total received/earned **\$312,692,414.48**

Total expenditures and encumbrances for FY20, FY21, and FY22 as of this report date equals, **\$307,348,176.30**

The following report has been submitted for the publication date of **FEBURARY 1ST**.

ACCOUNT NUMBER	PROGRAM NAME/ ACCOUNT NAME	AMOUNT BUDGETED	EXPENDED	ENCUMBERED	CASH BALANCE
56010	PRINCIPAL CHIEF Donations	39,187.20	-	-	39,187.20
53000	SECRETARY OF NATION Supplies	196.00	-	-	196.00
54000	Contractual <5K	383,112.56	-	-	383,112.56
59220	Grants	2,496.53	-	-	2,496.53
59050	MARKETING & TOURISM Food Purchases	10,981.65	-	-	10,981.65
53000	CONTRACTING EMPLOYMENT Supplies	8.25	-	-	8.25
55210	Communications - Other	2,919.60	-	-	2,919.60
59220	Grants	1,824,856.91	-	-	1,824,856.91
53000	INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY Supplies	27,193.91	574.39	(556.20)	27,175.72
53010	Software/Licenses	804,417.40	135,596.38	360,107.31	308,713.71
55210	Communications - Other	100,000.00	12,801.60	-	87,198.40
55300	Bldg Maint/Repairs	209,291.23	-	34,221.32	175,069.91
85500	Equipment	0.67	-	-	0.67
50000	FLEET MANAGEMENT Salary & Wages - FT	2,906.94	432.53	-	2,474.41
50020	Salary & Wages - O/T Over 1.5	3,293.77	5,798.88	-	(2,505.11)
50100	Salary & Wages - PT	1,888.00	-	-	1,888.00
51000	Fringe - FT	6,800.00	3,330.61	-	3,469.39
51100	Fringe - PT	290.47	-	-	290.47
53000	Supplies	1,143,903.95	104,393.56	235,280.80	804,229.59
53290	Postage/Shipping	13,775.14	10,707.46	-	3,067.68
54000	Contractual <5K	16,229.80	5,587.99	2,263.03	8,378.78
55300	Bldg Maint/Repairs	1,315.00	800.00	-	515.00
57000	Indirect Costs	(101.52)	710.43	-	(811.95)
85400	Vehicles	5,455.00	-	-	5,455.00
85500	Equipment	125,792.06	-	-	125,792.06
50000	SOCIAL SERVICES Salary & Wages - FT	885.89	-	-	885.89
50020	Salary & Wages - O/T Over 1.5	4,770.59	-	-	4,770.59
51000	Fringe - FT	(3,950.88)	-	-	(3,950.88)
53000	Supplies	36.00	-	-	36.00
54000	Contractual <5K	9,294.24	-	-	9,294.24
59040	Burial	263,370.64	262,797.97	-	572.67
59050	Food Purchases	1,423.29	1,423.29	-	-
59071	Direct Assist - Income Support	223,181.41	4,425.00	-	218,756.41
59072	Direct Assist - Hardship	183,188.07	3,500.00	-	179,688.07
53000	SENIOR SERVICES Supplies	14,635.99	-	-	14,635.99
53000	FOOD DISTRIBUTION Supplies	4,784.95	-	-	4,784.95
85050	Renovations	2,712.52	-	-	2,712.52
85170	Construction	282,262.30	178,698.50	2,000.00	101,563.80
85500	Equipment	131,250.00	131,250.00	-	-
53000	ELDERLY NUTRITION Supplies	1,048.00	339.96	-	708.04
55100	Utilities	1,431.00	-	-	1,431.00
85170	Construction	25,028.07	-	-	25,028.07
50000	SECRETARY OF EDUCATION Salary& Wages- FT	407.67	-	-	407.67
50020	Salary& Wages - O/T over 1.5	33,638.14	-	-	33,638.14
51000	Fringe - FT	19,109.43	-	-	19,109.43
53000	Supplies	234,396.23	-	-	234,396.23
56030	Stipends/Honorariums	15,000.00	-	-	15,000.00
59073	Direct Assistance - Education Support	4,506.76	-	-	4,506.76
53000	MCN MEAT PROCESSING PLANT Supplies	36,360.43	13,359.60	(1,722.86)	24,723.69
59050	Food Purchases	15,000.00	-	-	15,000.00
85010	Architect & Engineering	30,237.18	7,975.53	(7,975.53)	30,237.18
85170	Construction	1,339,411.71	1,338,179.71	(1,338,179.71)	1,339,411.71
85500	Equipment	120,511.47	-	-	120,511.47
54000	REAL ESTATE SERVICES Contractual <5K	903.17	-	-	903.17
59220	CULTURAL PRESERVATION Grants	0.05	-	-	0.05
85010	TRIBAL CONSTRUCTION Architect & Engineering	16,082.65	-	-	16,082.65
85170	Construction	124,763.00	-	-	124,763.00
58010	SECRETARY OF INTERIOR AFFAIRS Construction	15,665.36	-	-	15,665.36
54000	OFFICE OF TAX COMMISSION Contractual <5K	10,797.00	-	-	10,797.00
55300	Bldg Maintenance	1,500.00	-	-	1,500.00
85500	Equipment	1.03	-	-	1.03
53000	CITIZENSHIP BOARD Supplies	5,813.70	-	-	5,813.70
54000	Contractual <5K	88,600.00	-	-	88,600.00
85500	DISTRICT COURT Equipment	16,250.00	-	-	16,250.00
	TOTAL	8,000,517.58	2,215,973.39	(714,561.84)	6,499,106.03
59070	CONTRACT HEALTH Direct Assistance	9,702.41	(65,266.14)	-	74,968.55
99980	CHS Accrual	-	(2,659.28)	-	2,659.28
85010	FACILITIES MANAGEMENT Architect & Engineering	2,700.88	-	-	2,700.88
85050	Renovations	42,629.46	31,253.68	-	11,375.78
85500	Equipment	119,427.07	119,427.07	-	-
51000	HEALTH INFO MANAGEMENT Fringe - FT	7.33	7.33	-	-
53000	Supplies	0.75	475.71	(475.71)	0.75
53060	Supply - Computer/Print/Ipad	108.99	-	-	108.99
53320	Software Maint Contract	33,993.21	33,150.00	-	843.21
54100	Non-Medical Service Contract	957,982.70	603,689.00	-	354,293.70
50000	OKEMAH HOSPITAL Salary & Wages - FT	7,977.69	6,977.69	-	1,000.00
50090	Salary & Wages-Float Pool	878.35	367.08	-	511.27
51000	Fringe - FT	3,816.30	3,767.95	-	48.35
51100	Fringe - PT	38.54	38.54	-	-
53050	Medical Supplies Non-Billable	7,683.70	7,683.70	-	-
53290	Postage/Shipping	135.26	135.26	-	-
54280	Medical Service Contract	40,000.00	2,457.08	-	37,542.92
54370	Nursing Contract	373,060.18	362,614.76	-	10,445.42
57000	Indirect Costs	82,786.07	-	48,188.27	34,597.80
50000	OKMULGEE MEDICAL CENTER Salary & Wages - FT	142,391.92	107,759.64	-	34,632.28
50010	Salary & Wages - OT	19,777.30	14,325.56	-	5,451.74
50090	Salary & Wages-Float Pool	12,393.55	10,157.27	-	2,236.28
51000	Fringe - FT	92,617.67	65,926.01	-	26,691.66
51100	Fringe - PT	1,066.51	1,066.51	-	-
53050	Medical Supplies Non-Billable	23,074.06	14,940.53	-	8,133.53
53290	Postage/Shipping	4.44	4.44	-	-
53490	Medical Supplied Billable	8,482.00	8,482.00	-	-
54280	Medical Service Contract	17,476.86	16,848.09	-	628.77
54370	Nursing Contract	210,961.72	135,676.53	-	75,285.19
85500	Equipment	84,775.70	-	48,188.27	36,587.43
53000	COUNCIL OAK COMP HEALTH HOSPITAL Supplies	6,577.13	-	4,123.46	2,453.67
53290	Postage/Shipping	803.00	-	-	803.00
53420	Property Taxes	890,604.00	50,893.23	-	839,710.77
54100	Non-Medical Service Contract	20,100.00	-	20,100.00	-
85500	Equipment	68,430.71	-	32,087.38	36,343.33
85500	EUFULA CLINIC Equipment	21,620.00	-	21,620.00	-
	TOTAL	3,304,085.46	1,530,199.24	173,831.67	1,600,054.55