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CONSTITUTION OF THE MUSKOGEE NATION

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E tcliketv e sohfacokose hahye, fvtcetv e enakoece kake, pometot, momet ephohonvpseto vtekis, emetektvknketv se a fvcecickv e en heckoeceyvreto omecicen, Pome, Este Maskoke Etlwlv Entvsekiyv toyeyat, heyv vwiheke Vhakov Empvtakv ocat ha yayet os.

In order to form a perfect union, establish justice, and secure to ourselves, and our children, the blessings of freedom, We, the people of the Muskogee Nation, do adopt the following Constitution:

ESLIKE I

ARTICLE I

SETENTVCKE I. Tvlwv Vlke Nvkvftatet heyv Etlwlv ofv vkv haye tayat yekcetvocet mvres, mvt Coko hokkolicet omvres: Mekkvke Encokon Tvstvkv' vlke Encokon eshokkolet omvres.

Section 1. The law making power of this Nation shall be lodged in a Council, which shall consist of two houses; the House of Kings and House of Warriors.

SET. 2. Mekkvke En Coko Vtehkvlke Etlwlv hvkat vrahkv a osset Mekko hvme vlket hoeret omvres, Enwiketv Syrahvkv Estvmv Etlwlv vrahkv hoeret on omat mv Etlwlv ensolken sete montalet ohrolope osten ahoericet omvres.

Sec. 2. The House of Kings shall be composed of one representative from each town. Each member shall be elected by the vote of the town which he represents, and shall hold his office for four years.

SET. 3. Etlwlv hvkat vrahkv Tvstvkv hvme vlken ahoericet omvres; momen ohvtvlakat, Etlwlv hvmece tvsekivv este mvhvnkvtkv cokpe hokkolof ahoericet vyecicet omvres. Enwiketv svrahvkv estvmv Etlwlv vrahkv hoeret on omat mv Etlwlv ensolken setemon talet ohrolope osten asvpvkcet omvres.

Sec. 3. The House of Warriors shall consist of one representative from each town, and an additional representative for every two hundred persons belonging to the town. Each member shall be elected by the vote of the town which he represents, and shall hold his office for four years.

SET. 4. Este Enwiketv Coko hokkolicet vtehat omvkvv enhotosk' vrahkv vkhv estomen enhahoyen omat mv vcvkvyen, Cvto knap Hotte a ossen e sen fehoket omvres.

Sec. 4. The members of Council shall receive such compensation out the National Treasury as shall be provided for by law.

SET. 5. Coko vrahvkv Enwiketv em vhnkvtkv en nvrkvpv hoyvnet etenvkaf ten omat, nak vfvstetv vyecicet omvres: momis ensolket en nvrkpv oricekon omat vfehonnet vpoket, vplwvn a vvecicet omvres.

Sec.5. A majority of the members of each house shall constitute a quorum; but a less number may adjourn from day to day and compel the presence of absentees.

SET. 6. Coko crahrvkv Enwiketv vtehtekat mo mvr tayaket omat etoh hvkete cvkept omvres, momen Enwiketvt enhoeretv fvtceko haket on omat oponvyecet omvres: momet Coko hokkolat ensolke tekvpvke totcenat tekvpvke hokkolatet vnrapiet on omat ossi hocet omvres. Coko hokkolat ete mv kvsamet omeko vtekat, netta hokkole sen hoyvne Coko hvmkvtekis vwaheko tayet omvres.

SET. 7. Mekkvke Coko vtehtekat Ohliketv Em ohlikv emetat hayvkepet omvres, momen tvstvnkvkve Coko vtehkatew Ohliketv Em ohlikv emetat hayvkepet omvres.

SET. 8. Coko vrahrvkvt, Encokv Hayv heckoecvkepet omvres; enhofone estomomosen hoerv ranat Coko vrahrvkvt em vkerricvkepet omen, enfecketv estomen vhakvn e senhahoyen omat mv cvvkkyen enfehoket omvres.

SET. 9. Este Enwiketv heyv Coko hokkolat vtehkvrnat, Este Maskoke entvsekiyv ore heret omet, em vcolkv ohrolope pale hokkolen hokkolohkat oricet omvres.

SET. 10. Tvlwv Vlke Nvkafte vhakv haye e svliceat; "Este Makoke Tvlwv Vlke Nvkafte vhakv hayat, " make vlket omvres.

ESKLIKE II

SETEKTVCKE I. Tvlwv vlke Em Mekkot hvmket hoeret omvres, mvt Este Maskoke ETVLWV Emmekkon kihocet omvres; Este Maskoke entvsekyv este honvtake em vcolkv ohrolope pale cenvpohkakak orice vtekat, Etemvrkvn en solken setemonlalet ohrolope ost omvlkvn hayet omvres. Momem Mekko Vpoktv hvmket hoeret omvres, mvw Mekko mah he estomecet vhocrihocet omat Mv cvvkkyen momet enhofonew mvtvpome svheckvn ahoerihocet omvres, momem Mekko mahhet elewites, monkat e ossicepe wites, monkat ossihocewites, mvt momet on omat Mekko vpoktv, Tvlwv Vlke Emmekko en nak vfvstctv omvlkv sohfvcken vfastet omvres.

Sec. 6. Each house shall judge of the returns and qualifications of its members, impeach a member for disorderly conduct, and, by the concurrence of the two-thirds of both houses, expel a member. Neither house shall adjourn for a longer period than two days without the consent of both houses.

Sec. 7. The House of Kings shall elect its own President and the House of Warriors shall elect its own Speaker.

Sec. 8. Each house shall choose its own Secretary whose pay shall be provided by law, and whose term of office shall continue at the discretion of the house which he serves.

Sec. 9. No person shall become a member of either house, who shall not be an acknowledged citizen and who shall not have attained the age of twenty-two years.

Sec. 10. The style of the action of the Council shall be: "Be it Enacted by the National Council of the Muskogee Nation".

ARTICLE II

Section 1. There shall be a Principal Chief, to be styled the "Principal Chief of the Muskogee Nation," who shall be elected for the term of four years, by a majority of the votes of the male citizens of the Muskogee Nation who shall have attained the age of eighteen year. There shall also be a Second Chief, who shall be chosen for the same term, in the same manner as that prescribed for the election of the Principal Chief, and in case of the death, resignation, or removal from office of the Principal Chief, he shall perform all the duties of that officer.

SET. 2. Este estomet tvsekiy ore heret omekot, mometom vcolkvt ohrolope pale totcenat oricet omekat Este Maskoke Tvlwv Vlke Emmekko momet Mekko Vpoktvw hake ko tayet omvres.

SET.3. Tvlwv Vlke Emmekko yekcetv ocet omet, este vhakvt ohfvtceto estomis, em mer ret komat, monkat nettan em ohhvtvlayet komat momecet omvres, momet Tvlwv vlke em vhakv heren vfastet omhoyat vketecet omvres; Ohrolop' omvlkvn Este Maskoke Emekvnnv ofv naket estomaket vyecicat Tvlwv vlke Nvkaftan enkerkoecet omvres; momet E Tvlwv naket senhere haye tayat esemvcahnet omvres;

SET.4. Coko hokkolicat vhakv estomen hayeto vtekat, Tvlwv vlke Em mekkon en wakkct omen, ohhvksvmetv monkat vn rvpoeckv tepakat em etektvnke vlket omvres; Ohhvksasamet on omat vhkv haket omvres; momis vnrapet on omat, netta 5 aemofvn esvnrpvk eskerky vpaken Coko estomen vlicevte matan ohfolecicet omvres momis ohvkvsvmeko estomis afolecicekon netta cahkepat hoyvnepen omat vhakv hakepet omvres; momen vnrvpkv hahyet afoleciceto estomis Coko vtekhvlke Coko hokkolicatet ensolke etekvpvke totcenat, tekvpvke hokkolat oret vhakvn em vpyecen omat vhakv hakepet omvres;

SET. 5. Coko hokkolat vhkv estomen eshoyvneccicet omen, Tvlwv Vlke Emmekko ehomvn en wakkct oman, netta cahkepat orekon tvlwv Vlke Nvkaftvtet vwahepet omen em etek tvnkekon omat, svhokkolv Nvkaftof netta totcenet em etektvnken mv ofvn afolecicet omvres;

SET.6. Tvlwv Vlke Emmekko em etektvnken Encokv Hayv melletv hayepet omvres, momen enfekety vhakv estomen hahoyen omat mv vcvkvyen Tvlwv Vlke Encvtoknop Hotte a ossen enfeket omvres.

Sec. 2. No person shall be eligible to the office of Principal or Second chief of the Muskogee Nation, who is not a recognized citizen of the same, and who shall not have attained the age of thirty years.

Sec. 3. The Principal Chief is hereby invested with the reprieving and pardoning power. He shall see that all the laws of this Nation are faithfully executed and enforced; shall make an annual report to the National Council of the condition of affairs in the Nation; and shall recommend such measures as he may deem necessary for the welfare of the Nation.

Sec. 4. Whenever any bill or measure shall pass both houses, it shall be submitted to the Principal Chief for his approval or rejection. If he shall approve it, it shall become a law. If he shall object to it he shall, within five days, return it, accompanied by his objections, to the house in which it originated and if not so returned within five (5) days, it shall become a law. If, after a bill or measure has been vetoed by the Principal Chief, it shall be submitted to the two houses, and receive a favorable vote of two-thirds of both houses, it shall become a law.

Sec. 5. Whenever any bill or measure shall pass both houses and be submitted to the Principal Chief or his approval or rejection, within five days before an adjournment, he shall be allowed the first three days of the next Council within which to return the same.

Sec. 6. The Principal Chief shall be allowed to select a Private Secretary, who shall be compensated out of the National Treasury as provided by law..

ESLIKE III

SETENTVCKE I. Heyv Etlwv ofv vhakv ohyvteketv yekcetv hvlwe mahat ocat, Fvtceckv Hvlwe ofvt omvres, Este Maskoke entvsekiyvt omet, em vcolkvvet ohrolope pale hokkolen cahkepokhakan ericet este momvr herake cahkepet mv enwiketv haket omvres; Tvlwv Vlke Nvkaftatet wiketv hahicet omen ohrolope osten svpaklet omveres, momen vhakv vcvkvyen enfehoket omvres.

SET.2. Mv Fvtcecvlke cahkepvvt ohrolope omvlkvn Ot'voskv-rvkko mvnte enhvteceskv ohrolop' omvlkvn Okmolken Etenvkaftet omvres, nakoponvyeckv en rahkv cvtoknawv cokpe hvmkan (\$100.00) hoyvneciceto vtekat mvn vfastet omvres; Fvtcecvlke totcenat yekcetv hayet omvres.

ESLIKE IV

SETENTVCKE 1. Este Maskoke Emetvlwv ofv Ekvvwarke epaket (6) tekvpakvket omvres momen Ekvvwarke vrahkv, Fvtcecvt hvmken, vhakv Mvnicvt hvmken, Corvkkohkavt Folle hvmke vlket vtehteket omvres.

SET. 2. Fvtcecvlke Tvlwv Vlke Nvkaftat ohrolope hokkoh-lomvlkvn asehoyet omvres; naorketv momet etoponvyecvkle nak ponvyeckv cnrahkv cvtvknawv cokpe hvmkat hoyvneko oceto vtekat omvlkvn vfastet omvres; naorkv oponvyeckv Coko vtehkvlke estvmi vlkis a enkerrvkeko este pale hokkolen ostoh kaken ohhoehken, palen hokkolohkaken enhopohoyet omen, etoponvyeckvlke en koko vtehkvlket ostvpaken ohhoehken mvt Colvlke kaket omvres, Cokv Hayv Fvtcecvt pvlepet omvres, momen vhakv vcvkvyen enfehoket omvres. Fvtcecvlke vhakv vcvkvyen enfehoket omvres.

SET. 3. Colvlke Fvtcecv oh hoehkat se okepkv heren ocekot omatet avtekon omat cvtoknawv cahkepen(\$5,00) fekepoehocet omveres, momis a awat vtekat netta vrahkv cvtoknawv hvmket omvres vtotke em ofvtat.

Section 1. The Supreme law defining power in this Nation shall be lodged in a High Court, to be composed of five (5) competent, recognized citizens of the Muskogee Nation, who shall have attained the age of twenty-five (25) years. They shall be chosen by the National Council for the term of four years, and shall be paid as provided for by law.

Sec. 2. This Court shall meet on the first Monday in October in each year, and shall have power to try all cases where the issue is for more than one hundred dollars (\$100.) Three members shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE IV

Section 1. The Muskogee Nation shall be divided into six (6) districts, and each district shall be furnished with a judge, a prosecuting attorney and a company of light horse men.

Sec. 2. The judge shall be chosen by the National Council for the term of two years. He shall try all cases, civil and criminal, where the issue does not exceed one hundred dollars. He shall have the right to summon twenty-four disinterested men out of which number there shall be selected, in criminal cases twelve, and in civil cases nine, who shall sit as jurors. He shall also be allowed a clerk, whose pay shall be provided for by law. The Judge's pay shall be provided for by law.

Sec. 3. Any person failing to obey a summons to serve as juror, without good reason for such failure, shall be fined in the sum of five dollars (\$5). Each juror whilst in service shall receive one dollar per day.

Set.4. Vhaky Mvnicvlke tat Tvlwv Vlke Emmekkot este ohmelletv hayen, Tvlwv Vlke Nvkaftat em ohhvksamet omvres. Emvtotketvtat em Ekvntvckv ofvn vhakvn kacesaseto vtekat eshvlvtkv hayet mvn oponvyecet vfastet omvres; Ohfvteckv hayat vtekat cvtoknawv, pale hokkolen cahkepohkaken (\$25.00) enfehoket omvres.

SET.5. Corvkkoh kakv Folle hvmkat, Kvpstvnet hvmken, Corvkkohkakvt ostet omvres; Kvntvckvt Etemvrkvn hayet ohrolope hokkolen asvpvklecet omen, Fvtcecvt enfiyaten sehoket omvres. Enfeketv vkhvt emetetakoecet omvres.

ESLIKE V

SETENTVCKE I. Tvlwv Vlke Encvtoknap Vfastvt hvmket hoeret omvres, Tvlwv Vlke Coko hokkolice Nvkaftatet ohrolope ost' omvkn ahoericet omvres. Emvtotketv tat, Tvlwv Vlke en cvtoknawv vtekat enke ofvn hayet omet, vhaky vcvkvyen afeket omvres. Tvlwv Vlke encvtoknawv estomet vycicat ohrolope omvkv Tvlwv Vlke Nvkaftan enkerkoecet omvres. Fvtcv here em vtotketv vtotkvre svrahkvat a ensehokvlke herake ocet cokv sehvlvtkvn cvtoknawv cokpe rvkkocahkepen ehvlvfepoecet hayet omvres, Vhaky vcvkvyen enfehoket omvres.

SET. 2. Tvlwv Vlke, cvtoknap esfihoeckv esossicat enlvpvtke cvtok nap hotte cvtoknawv ossihocekot omvres; momen cvtvknep esfihoeckv chaky haketo vtekat Tvlwv Vlke Emmekkot cvtoknap escvkvv etetakoeccen mvn Cvtoknap Vfastv ohfeket omvres.

ESLIKE VI

SETENTVCKE1. Tvlwv Vlke Enyvteknv, ohrolope ost' onwlkvn Tvlwv Vlke Nvkaftatet a hoericet omvres, enfeketv vhaky vcvkvyet omvres.

Sec. 4. The Prosecuting Attorney shall be appointed by the Principal Chief, by and with consent of the National Council. It shall be his duty to indict and prosecute all offenders against the laws of his district

Sec. 5. The Light Horse Company shall consist of a captain and four privates, shall be elected for the term of two years by the vote of the district, and shall be subservient to the order of the Judge. Their compensation shall be provided for by law.

ARTICLE V

Section. 1. There shall be a National Treasurer who shall be selected by the National Council for the term of four years. His duty shall be to receive and receipt for all National funds, and to disburse the same as shall be provided for by law. He shall report the condition of the National finances to the National Council at least once every year. He shall be required to bind himself in a bond of five thousand (\$5,000), with good security, for the faithful performances of his duty. He shall be paid as provided for by law.

Sec. 2. No moneys shall be drawn from the National Treasury, except to carry out appropriations made by the National Council, and when such an appropriation is so made, the Principal Chief shall issue a draft upon the Treasury to meet the same.

ARTICLE VI

Section 1. All officers of this Government shall be liable to impeachment, trial and removal from office for neglect of duty.

ESLIKE VII

SETENTVCKE I. Este enwiketv heyv Etvwv emelec v
Sehokat vtekat en nak vfvstetvn celayekot
ohhoyvyecet vtekat oponvyecet Tvlwv Vlket ossicet omvres.

SET.2. Este enwiketv oponvyeckv vteakat Tvstvnvkvke
en Coko ofvn vliceet omvres.

ESLIKE VIII

SETENTCVKE I. Nake etenfvtecp hoyvte esvho pvnety
vhakv hayoyekotayet omvres.

SET.2. Nake hoyvnepe vhakv hvlvte taye vhakv hahoy-
eko tayet omvres.

ESLIKE IX

SETENTVCKE 1. Nake oponvyeckv akvwapke vtekat
vhakv estome emelec v m v nake momet omvten omat
m v vhakvn Senfvtehocet omvres.

SET. 2. Este omvlkvt vhakv ehomv e vnicepe tayat
em etektvnoset omvres.

ESLIKE X

SETENTVCKE I. Etenfvtecv hahoyeto vtekat Este wiketv
Tvlwv Vlke Emmekko enhopohye Tvlwv Vlke Nvkvfte
semohhvkvsme este sehoket haye vlket omvres, momen m v
Etenfvtecv Tvlwv Vlke Nvkvftet ohhvkvsame tvlken,
yekcetv enhecket omvres.

EET.2. Etenfvtecv vhakv hvlwe mahat omvres.

Same Cokote,
Oktvhv Sas' Haco
Mekko Hvtke,
Calo Haco

Wasentvn Klese,
Cokv Hayv

ARTICLE VII

Section 1. All officers of this Government
shall be liable to impeachment, trial and
removal from office for neglect of duty.

Sec. 2. All bill of impeachment shall origina
in the House of Warriors.

ARTICLE VIII

SECTION 1. No laws impairing contracts shall
be passed.

Sec. 2. No laws taking effect upon things
that occurred before the enactment of the law
shall be passed.

ARTICLE IX

SECTION. 1. All cases shall be tried according
to the provisions of the respective laws under
which they originated.

Sec. 2. All persons shall be allowed the right
of counsel.

ARTICLE X

SECTION 1. All treaties shall be made by
delegates, duly recommended by the Principal
Chief, and approved by the National Council, ar
such treaties shall be subject to the
ratification of the National Council

Sec. 2. The treaties shall be the supreme
law of the land.

