

NCA 24-007

CLASSIFICATION: #30. NATIONAL COUNCIL/LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

A LAW OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION CREATING NEW LAW IN MCNCA TITLE 30 CHAPTER 2, ENTITLED "LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS" TO NAME THE WAGONER/ROGER/MAYES DISTRICT BOUNDARY JURISDICTION TO KOWETV DISTRICT

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

SECTION ONE. Findings. The National Council finds that:

- A. As another way of exercising our sovereignty as a Tribal Nation, it is important to recognize the deep history of the Mvskoke people and the re-construction of our Nation in the Mvskoke Reservation.
- B. The Kowetv were the second great Mvskoke tribe among the Lower Creeks. They headed the war side as the Kvsettv headed the peace side.
- C. Kowetv was a Tribal Town and one of the four Mother Towns of the Mvskoke Confederacy in what is now the Southeast United States.
- D. Kowetv and its branches settled in the Northern part of the new country on the Arkansas River, where most of their descendants still live. Their Square Ground was first located about two miles west of the present town of Coweta.
- E. The adoption of the 1979 Muscogee (Creek) Nation Constitution, herein referred to as the Constitution, Article VI, Section 1, did not name the districts, but established the district boundaries with corresponding Oklahoma counties in which the area of district jurisdiction is located in whole or portions thereof: thus, Wagoner/Rogers/Mayes boundary.
- F. The Constitution extends to the National Council the power to legislate on any subject limited only by restrictions contained in the Constitution and laws of the United States of America and the Muscogee Constitution both contain no prohibition to name a district.
- G. Wagoner/Rogers/Mayes, the former, is not significant to the Muscogee Nation, historically or otherwise, the latter is more identified with the adjoining Cherokee Nation.

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- H. The name Kowetv is more significant historically, being the Mother Town of numerous Muscogee Tribal Towns, also being a model of the present Muscogee government.
- I. The tribal town and remains of the ceremonial ground of Kowetv is permanently located within the district area.

SECTION TWO. NEW LAW. The following new law shall be codified in Title 30, Chapter 2 of the Code of Laws of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation; provided that for purposes of codification of said new law and its inclusion in pocket parts for the Code of Laws of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, the Attorney General is hereby authorized: (1) to approve any changes related to the manner in which sections, articles, chapters and subchapters are designated in this law in order to be 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 new law:

§ 2-101. Purpose

The purpose of this Act is to adopt, by ordinance, a district name for the Wagoner/Roger/Mayes boundary jurisdiction, which shall hereafter, be known as "Kowetv District."

§ 2-102. North Boundary

The north boundary line of the district is to be specifically defined as the common boundary line of Wagoner and Rogers and Mayes counties of the Muscogee Nation.

§ 2-103. Applicability

This name designation is solely intended for the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, and not to change county boundaries nor names for the State of Oklahoma.

SECTION THREE. <u>EFFECTIVE DATE</u>. 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 January, 2024.

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

Randall Hicks, Speaker National Council Muscogee (Creek) Nation

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 <u>Sixteen</u> members attending this meeting on the <u>27th</u> day of <u>January</u>, <u>2024</u> and that the above is in conformity with the provisions therein adopted by a vote of <u>15</u> in favor, <u>0</u> 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.

Alicia Stroble, Recording Secretary Muscogee (Creek) National Council

<u>APPROVAL</u>

I, the Principal Chief of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, hereby affix my signature on this day of Johnson, 2024 to the above Law, NCA 24-007 authorizing it to become a Law under Article VI., Section VI., of the Constitution of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation.

David W. Hill, Principal Chief Muscogee (Creek) Nation

