



# Muscogee (CREEK) Nation

*Executive Office*

## **DECLARING NOVEMBER 2024 AS “NATIONAL ADOPTION MONTH”**

**A Proclamation by the Principal Chief of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation**

### **PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS,** the Muscogee (Creek) Nation is a sovereign Nation and as such seeks to protect the rights, welfare, and safety of its citizens and children; and

**WHEREAS,** the family, serving as the primary source of support, values, and self-identity is the very foundation of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation culture, heritage, and life; and

**WHEREAS,** in the State of Oklahoma there are hundreds of children and youth, many of them Muscogee (Creek) citizens, in need of a safe, secure, and stable family to provide a permanent home; and

**WHEREAS,** tribal adoptive families, who open their homes and hearts and offer stability and love to children in need, play a vital role in helping children heal and grow to become loving successful adults; and

**WHEREAS,** the Muscogee (Creek) Nation is experiencing a critical shortage of certified tribal adoptive homes thus resulting in a potential loss of cultural identity and awareness for Muscogee (Creek) children who are placed in non-Muscogee homes; and

**WHEREAS,** the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Children and Family Services Administration has dedicated staff who work diligently to identify, recruit, retain, and certify tribal resource homes.

### **BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

I, David W. Hill, Principal Chief of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, do hereby proclaim November 2024 as “National Adoption Month” and urge all citizens to come forward and join us in our endeavor to *change a lifetime* for Muscogee (Creek) children and youth in custody.

### **IN WITNESS WHEREOF,**

I have hereto set my hand and seal on this 28<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2024.

*David W. Hill*  
David W. Hill, Principal Chief  
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