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AN ACT RELATING TO PROVIDING BURIAL ASSISTANCE FOR THE NATIONAL TREASURES OF THE CHEROKEE NATION

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CHEROKEE NATION:

Section 1. Title and Codification

This act shall be known as the _____ and codified as _____ (Title) _____ (Section) _____ of the Cherokee Nation Code Annotated.

Section 2. Purpose

The purpose of this Act is to enact legislation to provide a funeral for Cherokee Nation National Treasures in accordance with the current options under the Cherokee Nation's Burial Assistance Program.

Section 3. Legislative History - none

Section 4. Definitions

For purposes of this Title:

- A. A Cherokee Nation National Treasure is defined in Council Resolution 68-09 and further defined in Cherokee National Treasures Advisory Committee By Laws Article II, Section C.

Section 5. Substantive Provisions

- A. The Cherokee Nation shall provide a standard burial for a Cherokee National Treasure at a contracted

funeral home under the Burial Assistance Program which will be paid in full by the Nation or,

- B. A one-time payment to the contracted funeral home for burial and incidental expenses at a rate no less than the current burial assistance rate.

Section 6. Provisions as cumulative

The provisions of this act shall be cumulative to existing law.

Section 7. Severability

The provisions of this act are severable and if any part of provision hereof shall be held void the decision of the court so holding shall not affect or impair any of the remaining parts or provisions of this act.

Section 8. Effective Date

The provisions of this act shall become effective thirty (30) days from and after the date of its passage and approval.

Section 9. Self-Help Contributions

To the extent that this Act involves programs or services to citizens of the Nation or others, self-help contributions shall be required, unless specifically prohibited by the funding agency, or a waiver is granted due to physical or mental incapacity of the participant to contribute.