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## House Resolution

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A resolution designating the week of November 1-7, 2023, as "Muscogee Indians of Florida Heritage Week."

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WHEREAS, the Muscogee Indians of Florida are direct lineal descendants of the Creek Indians who lived on the lands of what is now Northwest Florida long before Florida became a United States Territory, and

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WHEREAS, still today, the Muscogee Indians of Florida inhabit a specific area of land that their ancestors inhabited, and

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WHEREAS, the Muscogee Indians of Florida are honored as a culturally and historically significant tribe of Native Americans in the Florida panhandle, and

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WHEREAS, the Muscogee Indians of Florida continue to govern the Creek Indians in the Florida panhandle, serving the people in the promotion of Creek art, history, language, and culture and the preservation of historical and significant ancient artifacts and sites, and

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WHEREAS, the Muscogee Indians of Florida have had a longstanding relationship with their local community, and

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WHEREAS, the membership of the Muscogee Indians of Florida is composed principally of persons who are not members of any other North American tribe, NOW, THEREFORE,

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Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Florida:

That the week of November 1-7, 2023, is designated as "Muscogee Indians of Florida Heritage Week," and the members of the Muscogee Indians of Florida are honored for their longstanding presence in the Florida panhandle and their cultural, historic, and economic contributions to the area.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be presented to the Muscogee Indians of Florida as a tangible token of the sentiments expressed herein.