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Senate Resolution

A resolution designating August 2025 as "Muscogee (Creek) Nation Heritage Month" in Florida.

WHEREAS, members of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, the official recognized federal tribal nation and sole successor in interest to the historic Creek Nation, are the direct lineal descendants of the ancestors who lived for centuries on the lands of what is now Northern Florida, and

WHEREAS, the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, a Florida Native American sovereign government that also included much of the southeast region of the United States, entered one of the earliest peace treaties with President George Washington and Secretary of State Thomas Jefferson on August 1, 1790, and

WHEREAS, the Muscogee (Creek) Nation is recognized by the Federal Government as one of the official Native American governments of Florida, and

WHEREAS, on May 28, 1830, President Andrew Jackson signed the Indian Removal Act into law, initiating the forced relocation of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, in violation of many previous treaties signed by the United States, and

WHEREAS, the Muscogee (Creek) Nation citizens were once again targeted, along with the Seminole Nation, to be forcibly removed from Florida by the state militia by an act of the Florida Legislature signed by Governor William Dunn Moseley on December 18, 1846, and

WHEREAS, the infamous "Trail of Tears" of Native American removal included a path from Florida to the Oklahoma Indian Territory, which thousands of Muscogee (Creek) Nation members of

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Florida were forced to take at bayonet and gunpoint, and WHEREAS, the Muscogee (Creek) people were removed from their homeland in Florida against their will, and subsequently their longstanding presence and history in the region have been largely erased, NOW, THEREFORE,

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Be It Resolved by the Senate of the State of Florida:

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That August 2025 is designated as "Muscogee (Creek) Nation Heritage Month" in Florida.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation are recognized for their longstanding presence in Florida and their cultural, historic, and economic contributions.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution, with the Seal of the Senate affixed, be presented to the Muscogee (Creek) Nation and Chief David Hill as a tangible token of the sentiments of the Florida Senate.