Muscogee (CREEK) Nation

Executive Office

DECLARING NOVEMBER 2026 AS
"MVSKOKE AND EUCHEE LANGUAGE MONTH"

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

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Creator gifted the Mvskoke and Euchee peoples with languages that carry our identities, histories, knowledge, values, and ways of understanding our world, connecting us to the truth and wisdom of our ancestors; and

WHEREAS, the Mvskoke and Euchee languages are fundamental to our sovereignty and are directly linked to traditional cultural knowledge and spiritual teachings that can only be fully understood through our languages; and

WHEREAS, we honor our ancestors who endured hardship, forced displacement, oppression, and efforts to suppress our languages and ways of life, and whose sacrifices helped protect and preserve the identities, traditions, and knowledge that sustain our people today; and

WHEREAS, the Mvskoke and Euchee languages face the urgent threat of loss as the number of first-language speakers continues to decline, a consequence of historical oppression, forced assimilation, displacement, colonization, and the interruption of language transmission between generations; and

WHEREAS, on November 5, 2025, Executive Order No. 25-07 declared a State of Emergency for the Mvskoke and Euchee Languages, affirmed their status as official languages of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, and called for the establishment of an annual Mvskoke and Euchee Language Month to honor our ancestors, raise awareness, and reaffirm our collective responsibility to preserve, revitalize, and strengthen our languages; and

WHEREAS, November 2026 marks the first anniversary of Executive Order No. 25-07 and the inaugural observance of Mvskoke and Euchee Language Month, providing an opportunity for our Nation and communities to renew their commitment to ensuring that our languages remain living languages, and spoken in our everyday lives; and

WHEREAS, the responsibility for the survival of our languages cannot rest solely upon our elected leaders, language programs, educators, or first-language speakers, but must be shared by our entire Nation through a collective commitment to learning, speaking, teaching, and passing our languages on to future generations.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

I, David W. Hill, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Principal Chief of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, do hereby proclaim November 2026 as "Mvskoke and Euchee Language Month" and call upon all citizens, tribal employees, families, communities, and supporters of our Nation to recognize, honor, preserve, and revitalize the Mvskoke and Euchee languages.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT:

I encourage everyone to take meaningful steps toward learning, hearing, speaking, teaching, and sharing our languages; to greet one another in Mvskoke or Euchee; to incorporate our languages into our homes, workplaces, gatherings, prayers, ceremonies, and daily interactions; to seek the knowledge and guidance of our elders and first-language speakers and to support the language/cultural programs dedicated to ensuring the continued vitality of our languages.

Let this observance be more than a recognition of a single month. Let it serve as a continued commitment to action, responsibility, and intergenerational learning. Let us create opportunities for our children to hear our languages, for our families to speak them, for our elders to share their knowledge, and for our communities to carry them forward with pride, respect, and purpose.

Our languages are gifts from the Creator, living connections to our ancestors, and an inheritance entrusted to us for the generations yet to come. We must do our part to ensure that the Mvskoke and Euchee languages continue to be spoken, understood, taught, and lived by our people.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF,

I have hereto set my hand and seal on this 26th day of October, 2026.

David W. Hill

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