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OSAGE NATION CONGRESS

3rd Session of the 1st Congress

BILL NUMBER ONCA 07-46

ENROLLED

September 27, 2007

SPONSOR: Congressman Mark Simms

CO-SPONSOR: Archie Mason

An Act

To provide an Appropriation for construction or restoration of facilities associated with established Osage Native American Churches, declare an emergency, and establish an effective date.

Be it enacted by the Congress of the Osage Nation:

SECTION 1. FINDINGS

1. The Osage Nation is directed to protect and promote the cultural and traditional ways of the Osage People pursuant to Article XVI, Section I of the Constitution of the Osage Nation, "The Osage Nation shall protect and promote the language, culture and traditional ways of the Osage People"; and
2. The Osage Nation finds there is a need for monies to construct or restore facilities for the purpose of continuation of established Osage Native American Churches.

SECTION 2. DEFINITIONS

Native American Church – A church titled "Native American Church" as established by charter and approved through the state of Oklahoma.

SECTION 3. ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

A. Distributions from this appropriation shall be made in the form of grants from the Executive Branch. Applicants must meet the following requirements:

1. The applicant must possess a valid Osage Native American Church membership card.
2. The applicant must be a bona-fide Roadman and/or Church Chapter of an established Osage Native American Church in accordance with the local Chapter's Membership Roster.

- 48 3. The applicant must have held at least two church meetings each year for
49 the previous three calendar years.
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51 4. The construction or restoration must be within the exterior boundaries of
52 the Osage Reservation.
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54 5. Applicants must submit project estimates to help determine need.
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56 B. This financial aid is to be distributed in accordance with the following:
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- 58 1. A maximum of one grant per applicant, per structure.
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60 2. A maximum of ten thousand (\$10,000.00) per grant for the construction of
61 an established Osage Native American Church.
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63 3. A maximum of ten thousand (\$10,000.00) per grant for the restoration of
64 an established Osage Native American Church.
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66 **SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION**
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68 There is appropriated from the Osage Nation General Treasury Fund the sum of
69 sixty thousand dollars (\$60,000) to the Osage Nation Executive Branch, for the purpose
70 of carrying out this act.
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72 **SECTION 5. FISCAL YEAR LIMITATIONS – LAPSE DATE**
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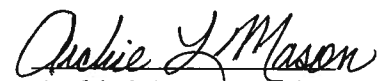
74 The appropriations made by this act shall be subject to fiscal year limitations and
75 may be encumbered through September 30, 2008. All funds appropriated that are
76 unexpended at the end of the term shall lapse and be unencumbered for future
77 appropriations.
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79 **SECTION 6. DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY AND EFFECTIVE DATE**
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81 An emergency exists. This bill is effective upon signature of the Principal Chief
82 or upon signature of the Speaker of the Osage Nation Congress following legislative
83 override.
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85 ENACTED by the Osage Nation Congress on this 27TH day of September, 2007.
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88 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Speaker of the Osage Nation Congress has hereto
89 attached his signature.
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92 Archie Mason, Speaker
93 Osage Nation Congress

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95 **CERTIFICATION**
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97 I, THE UNDERSIGNED, CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING IS A TRUE EXTRACT
98 FROM THE MINUTES OF THE Osage Nation Congress comprised of twelve members
99 and one ex-officio member with 12 members attending this meeting on the 25TH day of
100 September, 2007, and that the above is in conformity with the provisions therein adopted
101 by a vote of 6 in favor, 5 against, 1 abstention, and 1 absent.
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103	Faren Revard Anderson	no
104	Jerri Jean Branstetter	yes
105	Shannon Edwards	absent
106	Mark Freeman	no
107	Debra Littleton	yes
108	Archie Mason	no
109	Raymond Red Corn	no
110	Eddy Red Eagle, Jr.	yes
111	Doug Revard	no
112	Anthony Shackelford	yes
113	Mark Simms	yes
114	William Supernaw	abstain

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116 Said Bill has not been rescinded or amended in any way and the above is the signature of
117 the Speaker of the Osage Nation Congress.
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120 Alexis Rencountre, Clerk
121 Osage Nation Congress
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124 **EFFECTIVE DATE CERTIFICATION**
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126 I, THE UNDERSIGNED, CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING EFFECTIVE DATE
127 was not approved by a two-thirds vote of the Osage Nation Congress in accordance with
128 the Constitution of the Osage Nation Article VI, Section 13. This provision was not
129 adopted by a vote of 7 in favor, 3 against, 1 abstention, and 1 absent.
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131	Faren Revard Anderson	no
132	Jerri Jean Branstetter	yes
133	Shannon Edwards	absent
134	Mark Freeman	yes
135	Debra Littleton	yes
136	Archie Mason	yes
137	Raymond Red Corn	no
138	Eddy Red Eagle, Jr.	yes
139	Doug Revard	abstain

140 Anthony Shackelford no
141 Mark Simms yes
142 William Supernaw yes


Alexis Rencountre, Clerk
Osage Nation Congress

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150 **APPROVAL**

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152 I, the Principal Chief of the Osage Nation, hereby affix my signature this ____ day of
153 _____, 2007, to the above Bill No. ONCA 07-46 authorizing it to become a law
154 under the Constitution of the Osage Nation.

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158 Jim R. Gray, Principal Chief
159 Osage Nation
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