

WHEREAS, many citizens of the Muskogee Nation have been induced by a small cash payment of five, ten or more dollars, to sign warrantee deeds to their lands and in addition to the deed a contract is drawn and signed, naming a certain sum or balance (in every case a nominal or altogether inadequate price or sum) to be paid upon removal of restrictions from said lands; And,

WHEREAS, many citizens of the Muskogee Nation, who, having sought small loans and secured the same, believing they had the legal right to mortgage their allotments, have been induced by false representations and false interpretations of the Creek language to sign warrantee deeds to their lands, also contracts agreeing to accept a certain sum or balance upon removal of restrictions from said lands; And,

WHEREAS, there is a common and prevailing opinion that all inherited lands are free and exempt from limitations and restrictions, many citizens of the Muskogee Nation, have by false and fraudulent representations been induced to sign and give warrantee deeds to said inherited lands, believing that said deed so signed was a mortgage or temporary security for the said small or nominal sum received; And,

WHEREAS, the said conditions above set out are having the effect to materially diminish the value of said lands, in that when they are offered for sale legally and regularly, under the rules and regulations laid down by the Secretary of the Interior, parties desirous of purchasing the same refuse to offer any price at all or a price totally inadequate to its worth and value, and further, if said deeds are under the law invalid and altogether void, the effect is sufficient to put a cloud upon the title, which will necessitate going into the Courts in long, tedious and expensive litigation, a hardship, sacrifice and loss to the citizens of the Muskogee Nation that the Government of the United States should not permit; Therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF THE MUSKOGEE NATION:

That the delegation to Washington be and is hereby instructed to lay before the Committees on Indian affairs of both houses of Congress the conditions as above set out, and urge upon said Committees the necessity for the passage of such legislation by the Congress of the United States as will make utterly void all deeds, transfers and conveyances,

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as above set out and described, and further, upon the failure of the grantees to surrender and quit claim to the grantor, on or before March 4th 1906, all deeds for lands upon which the restrictions had not been removed, he shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and a penalty of Fifty dollars imposed for each and every day after March 4th 1906, he or she fails to make said quit claim deeds.

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Concurred in Oct. 31, 1905.

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Approved Oct. 31, 1905.

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