

fit for the best of men and women; and that we co-operate with our brothers and sisters in every land for peace, prosperity, good will and best conditions in our own homes and neighborhoods, and throughout the world.

CONSTITUTION OF THE CHEMAWA INDIAN REPUBLIC.

We, the pupils of an Indian school, grateful to Almighty God that there has been granted us by the United States Government the right to enjoy the privileges and to perform the duties of citizenship gladly accept and confirm this Constitution, to the end that we shall be trained individually in leadership and in teaching and to take the initiative in private and public affairs; to think and act independently and vigorously and in co-operation among ourselves and with our teachers and public authorities for cleanliness, for health, for good manners, for prosperity, for the convenience and beauty of our environment and for every good purpose; to establish the habit of practicing the Golden Rule in all the affairs of life; and that we may be trained in economy and efficiency in the use of time, energy, books, tools and materials.

ARTICLE I.

Section 1. All legislative powers herein granted shall be vested in a Congress of the Republic which shall consist of all the citizens or of representatives elected by the citizens.

Sec. 2. The Congress, if composed of elected representatives, shall consist of two representatives from each state, elected at large by the citizens of the state and may be known as senators; and fifteen representatives, or more if desirable, at least one from each state, the remaining number to be apportioned to the states in proportion to their number of citizens. The Congress may sit as a single house or as two houses; if as two houses, appointments by the president shall be confirmed by the Senate.

Sec. 3. The Vice-President of the Republic shall be the President of the Congress.

Sec. 4. The Congress may provide such officers as it may find desirable for the transaction of its business.

Sec. 5. The Congress shall have power to enact laws affecting the welfare of the Republic.

Sec. 6. Every legislative act must be by a resolution or bill. Every bill shall begin with the following clause: "Be it enacted by the Congress of the Republic of Chemawa, that—"

Sec. 7. All legislative acts shall become effective when approved by the President of the Republic and the Superintendent of the school.

Sec. 8. The territory of the Republic extends over the lands of the School and the district or reservation in which it is located.