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Governor

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EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

OKLAHOMA SECRETARY  
OF STATE

EXECUTIVE ORDER 2010-16

I, Brad Henry, Governor of the State of Oklahoma, hereby direct the appropriate steps be taken to fly all American and Oklahoma flags on State property at half-staff from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 10, 2010, to honor Wilma Pearl Mankiller, an Oklahoma resident, who died on Tuesday, April 6, 2010, at age 64.

In 1985, Wilma Mankiller became the Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation, the first woman to hold such a position in any Indian tribe. During her decade of service as Chief, Mankiller met with Presidents, fostered strong relationships between the Cherokee Nation, the State of Oklahoma and the federal government, facilitated the establishment of the Office of Indian Justice within the United State Department of Justice, and led the Cherokee Nation in a time of growth and prosperity.

In 1998, President Bill Clinton awarded Chief Mankiller the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the nation's highest civilian honor, in recognition of her work on behalf of the Cherokee Nation, women, and Native Americans everywhere. Throughout her life, Chief Mankiller championed women's and Native American issues and served others through numerous philanthropic organizations.

Wilma Pearl Mankiller dedicated her life to public service and blazed a trail for others to follow. Her dedication to serving others, her passion for justice and her perseverance in the face of adversity inspired others in her lifetime, and her story and her achievements will be felt within the Cherokee Nation, the State of Oklahoma and around the world for many generations to come.

This executive order shall be forwarded to the Director of Central Services who shall cause the provisions of this order to be implemented by all appropriate agencies of state government.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Oklahoma to be affixed at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, this 9<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2010.

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA

BRAD HENRY

ATTEST

SECRETARY OF STATE