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WILMA MANKILLER  
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Dear PRINCIPAL CHIEF MANKILLER:

A few months ago, the Indian Center Museum, which is part of the Mid-America All-Indian Center in Wichita, began a very exciting project called, "The Gallery of Nations". This project involves collecting the flags of all the Indian Nations in North America and displaying them in the area we call the Kiva. The Kiva is a 10,000 square foot room used for pow wows as well as rented to many non Native American groups for weddings, proms and a wide variety of cultural and entertainment events.

The purpose of the museum is to preserve and promote Native American heritage, art and culture. What better way to dazzle the eyes and minds of visitors than by the colors and the cultural meanings of hundreds of tribal flags. Most people are not aware of how many Indian tribes are located in North America, so to see hundreds of flags each symbolizing a different sovereign Indian Nation, should have a great educational emotional impact. At the entrance to the Gallery of Nations will be a plaque describing the pride, strength and unity of the Native American tribes and a plaque listing the tribes and individuals that contributed flags or money to the project. Next to each flag will be a plaque or banner giving the name of the tribe in large letters. To increase educational aspects of the project we intend to publish a booklet illustrating the flags, describing their symbolism and telling a little about the history and current statistics of the tribe. They will also be used as an educational visual aid to teach the thousands of school children that visit the museum each year about the tribes of North America.