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Janet McCloud

Dear Janet:

By this letter I would like to join in extending my congratulations to you today. You have received well deserved recognition from around the world but this award from Pierce County sounds very special.

You and Edith have served as role models for me and other Native Women for over two decades. I particularly remember your resolve to protect tribal sovereignty and autonomy by working to prevent unwarranted federal intervention in tribal affairs. Your decision to stand up and fight the selective service system to protect Michael's rights continues to inspire me, even after all these years. I have a old, now slightly torn picture of you, Michael and others taken before a hearing near Salinas, California. You all look absolutely determined to stand your ground.

Many years and much work has been done since that time. I have followed your progress and applauded your efforts.

Congratulations on receiving this wonderful Human Rights Award. It is well deserved and will hopefully inspire others to commit their time to human rights efforts.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Wilma P. Mankiller", is written over the typed name and title.

Wilma P. Mankiller
Principal Chief

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