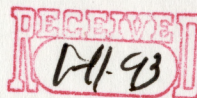


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Chief Wilma Mankiller
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Dear Chief Mankiller:

I am an amateur quilt maker, and my latest project is a quilt to honor women. I have selected a group of women who I admire. Women who are more than simply accomplished or successful, but who also possess the courage and strength of character to challenge life's obstacles and restrictions to reach their goals.

I want the quilt to include a diverse group to represent the diverse achievements of women — the common denominator being the unique *spirit* displayed by each individual. I would be honored to have your signature in my project.

Enclosed is a piece of fabric and a permanent fabric marker. The fabric is taped to a piece of cardboard with a hole cut in it, the hole defines the area for your signature (and any personalization you might like to add). Please use the marker to sign the piece of fabric. A stamped and addressed envelope is enclosed to return the fabric and marker.

I thank you for your time and consideration.

Cordially,

Lissa Pierson

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P.S. I know this project will take me quite some time to complete, but I would be more than happy to send you a photograph of the quilt when it is finished.