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EXECUTIVE ORDER 2022-05- CTH

ESTABLISHING STANDARDS FOR THE DISPLAY OF FLAGS ON CHEROKEE NATION PROPERTY

1. **AUTHORITY:** The Constitution and laws of the Cherokee Nation.
2. **POLICY:** The interests of the government of the Cherokee Nation in establishing appropriate decorum at government facilities and the interests of the Cherokee people in national pride require regulations and standards for various matters pertaining to the use and procurement of flags displayed on Cherokee Nation properties. In view of the unique government to government relationship between Cherokee Nation and the United States, display of flags of both nations on Cherokee Nation properties are appropriate. In view of the foregoing, it shall be the express policy of the Cherokee Nation to ordinarily limit the display of flags on Cherokee Nation properties to the flag of the Cherokee Nation and flag of the United States. The Cherokee Nation shall exercise procurement practices that favor flags produced domestically.
3. **Definitions:**
 - a. **Cherokee Nation Property:** Any real property owned by Cherokee Nation or a Cherokee Nation entity, including any facilities thereon, as well as any real property or facility leased by Cherokee Nation or a Cherokee Nation entity where such lease affords the tenant control over the display of flags.
 - b. **Cherokee Nation Entity:** Any entity wholly owned by the Cherokee Nation as well as the Housing Authority of the Cherokee Nation.

4. **Display of Flags:** Departments of the Cherokee Nation and Cherokee Nation entities are directed to display appropriate flags in the interior and at the exterior of facilities on Cherokee Nation property and at official Cherokee Nation events to the greatest extent practicable. Appropriate flags include:
 - a) **Flag of the Cherokee Nation**
 - b) **Flag of the United States**
 - c) **Other Flags:** Flags other than the flags set forth in Section 4(a) and 4(b), above, may be displayed with approval of Administration, consistent with this order, upon written request. See also Section 5, below.
 - d) **Exemption from Order Where Not Practicable or Where Conflicting with Law or Contract:** Responsible officials may be exempt from compliance with this order by demonstrating, by written submission to the Chief of Staff, that display of flags at a particular Cherokee Nation property is not legal or practicable due to factors such as space limitations, provisions in lease agreements or relevant and controlling law, regulation or contract.

5. **Limits on Display of the Flag of the State of Oklahoma:** The flag of the State of Oklahoma should not ordinarily be displayed on Cherokee Nation property or at Cherokee Nation public events. Provided:
 - a) The flag of the State of Oklahoma may be displayed with approval from Administration.
 - b) Approval will ordinarily be given for the temporary display of the flag of the State of Oklahoma when a dignitary representing the state is present as a participant in the event as a demonstration of respect for the dignitary.
 - c) The flag of the State of Oklahoma may be flown at all events, locations and facilities, in order to honor or commemorate service in the Oklahoma National Guard, at the direction of Administration or the Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

6. **Display of Appropriate Flags; Removal of Flags of the State of Oklahoma:** The Chief of Staff of the Cherokee Nation shall, in accordance with paragraphs 4 and 5 of this order, cause all flags of the State of Oklahoma to be removed from Cherokee Nation properties and cause appropriate flags to be displayed on Cherokee Nation properties by September 1, 2022.

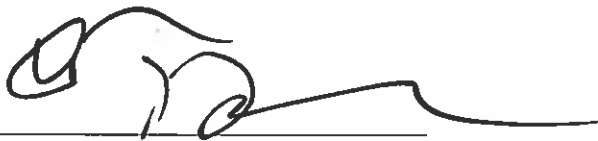
7. **Standards as to Display, Disposal of Flags:** The Secretary of Veterans Affairs of the Cherokee Nation may adopt rules or practices as to the appropriate display and disposal of flags flown on Cherokee Nation to ensure such display and disposal is performed in a dignified manner. The Secretary shall provide a copy of this Order to the Cherokee Nation Color Guard and help ensure that organization complies with this Order.

8. **Requirement of Domestic Manufacture of Flags:** Within the legal preferences set forth in the Cherokee Nation Tribal Employment Rights Act¹, all flags purchased by Cherokee Nation or its entities must be manufactured in following order of preference:
 - a) **First Preference:** Manufactured within the Cherokee Nation Reservation.
 - b) **Second Preference:** Manufactured elsewhere within the United States.

Cherokee Nation shall neither purchase no display any flag on Cherokee Nation property manufacturer outside the United States. The Chief of Staff of the Cherokee Nation cause all flags not complaint with this section of this order to be disposed of by September 1, 2022.

9. **ORDER:** Cherokee Nation departments shall take all necessary actions to appropriately display the flags of the Cherokee Nation and the United States on Cherokee Nation property, remove flags of the State of Oklahoma from said properties and make flag procurement decisions in accordance with this order.

10. **EFFECTIVE DATE:** This Order is effective immediately on this 3rd day of June, 2022.



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¹ See LA-01-14. In practice Cherokee Nation and its entities will continue to apply the prescribed preference for TERO certified Indian owned vendors and other provisions of the TERO law as controlling as to the procurement of flags. However, in comparing vendors with equal preference under the TERO law, further preference shall be given as prescribed by this order.