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EXECUTIVE ORDER 2025-06-CTH

EXECUTIVE ORDER ESTABLISHING CHEROKEE NATION FLAG DAY

1. **Authority:** The Constitution and laws of the Cherokee Nation.
2. **Policy:** The Cherokee Nation flag is a beacon of sovereignty, reflecting our strong and enduring Cherokee government, history, and culture. Through its symbolism, the Cherokee Nation flag instills a sense of identity and unity among all citizens of the Cherokee Nation. It is a testament to the resilience of our ancestors and a symbol of our continued sovereignty. We are declaring this Cherokee Flag Day to honor a flag that is **our own**—the first chosen in modern times without the oppression of the United States government. This flag represents our **past, present, and future**; a thread through history that ties us to our ancestors and lays the foundation for generations to come and something that we all take pride in. As affirmed in [Executive Order 2022-05](#), it remains in the best interest of the Cherokee Nation and the Cherokee people to continue strengthening national pride. Since its inception, the flag of the Cherokee Nation has remained a significant expression of the Nation's inherent sovereignty and a symbolic representation of the Cherokee people's identity and values. Therefore, Cherokee Flag Day is hereby established to be celebrated on October 8th and shall serve as a designated time to show respect for our Nation's flag, reaffirm our sovereignty, share in our community values, and educate generations on the history and meaning of the symbols of the Cherokee Nation flag.
3. **Flag of the Cherokee Nation:** The official design for the flag of the Cherokee Nation was approved by the Council of the Cherokee Nation on August 9, 1978. The flag was officially raised over the tribal offices on September 30, 1979. The flag features the Cherokee Nation seal surrounded by seven yellow stars on an orange field with a green

rope-style border. In 1989, the flag was updated by resolution to include a black seven-pointed star in the upper right corner to honor Cherokee lives lost during the forced removal from our homelands.

4. **Cherokee Flag Day:** There is hereby established Cherokee Nation Flag Day to be celebrated on October 8th of each year. This date is in recognition **October 8, 1977**, when the Council of the Cherokee Nation held a pivotal discussion that began the task of developing a design of a new, sovereign flag—marking a turning point in modern Cherokee self-expression and identity. In observation of Cherokee Flag Day, the flag of the Cherokee Nation should be appropriately displayed at the interior and exterior of facilities on Cherokee Nation property to the greatest extent possible, in accordance with [Executive Order 2022-05](#). Cherokee Nation citizens are encouraged to commemorate with pride Cherokee Nation Flag Day as a time to honor the Cherokee Nation and to celebrate our rich heritage and culture.
5. **Order:** It is hereby ordered that Cherokee Nation Flag Day is established on October 8th.
6. **Effective Date:** This Order is effective immediately on this 8th day of October 2025.



Date: Oct. 2025

Chuck Hoskin, Jr.
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