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## Cherokee Nation establishes Cherokee Nation Flag Day to honor sovereignty and cultural heritage

TAHLEQUAH, Okla. – Cherokee Nation Principal Chief Chuck Hoskin Jr. and Deputy Chief Bryan Warner signed an executive order Wednesday, officially establishing Cherokee Nation Flag Day to be celebrated annually on October 8.

The executive order designates this day as a time to honor the Cherokee Nation flag, reaffirm sovereignty, and educate future generations about the symbols and history of the Cherokee people.

The newly established Cherokee Nation Flag Day commemorates Oc-

tober 8, 1977, when the Council of the Cherokee Nation held pivotal discussions that began the development of a new, sovereign flag design. This date marks a significant turning point in modern Cherokee self-expression and identity, representing the first flag chosen in modern times without the oppression of the United States government.

“Establishing Cherokee Flag Day is much more than just a celebration of the Cherokee flag. Annually, when Oct. 8 rolls around, it will be a reminder to all

that the Cherokee people are still here and will serve as a reminder of our sovereignty and identity. This celebration honors our ancestors that came before us and the resiliency of all Cherokee people,” Chief Hoskin said.

The Cherokee Nation flag features the Cherokee Nation seal surrounded by seven yellow stars on an orange field with a green rope-style border. Originally approved by the Council on August 9, 1978, and officially raised over tribal offices on September 30, 1979, the flag was later updated in

1989 to include a black seven-pointed star in the upper right corner to honor Cherokee lives lost during the forced removal from ancestral homelands.

“Every element of the Cherokee Nation flag represents our history, culture, strength and sovereignty as a tribe. When Cherokee citizens proudly fly their Cherokee Nation flags, it not only gives a reminder of each of those things to all, but it also shows the enduring spirit of the Cherokee people,” Deputy Principal Chief Bryan Warner said.

The executive order

emphasizes that the Cherokee Nation flag serves as a beacon of sovereignty, reflecting the strong and enduring Cherokee government, history, and culture. Through its symbolism, the flag instills a sense of identity and unity among all Cherokee Nation citizens while serving as a testament to ancestral resilience and continued sovereignty.

Speaker of the Council Johnny Jack Kidwell expressed support for the initiative, stating “What a proud day to be here to witness the establishment of Cherokee Nation Flag Day. Our flag tells

our story of resilience and of hope. It reminds us that no matter where we are, we are one people, moving forward together with unwavering strength and shared purpose.”

In observation of Cherokee Nation Flag Day, the flag will be appropriately displayed at Cherokee Nation facilities, and citizens are encouraged to commemorate the day with pride as a time to honor the Cherokee Nation and celebrate their rich heritage and culture.

## Top Ukraine officials to discuss Russian assets in US next week

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President Volodymyr Zelenskyy said a delegation of top Ukrainian officials will visit the U.S. early next week to discuss Russian frozen assets, air defense and sanctions against Moscow as prospects for peace fade.

The team led by Prime Minister Yuliia Svyrydenko, Zelenskyy’s Chief of Staff Andriy Yermak and his sanctions representative Vladyslav Vlasnyuk will also discuss Ukraine’s energy needs, the president told reporters in Kyiv on Wednesday.

Kyiv said this week it will have to increase natural gas imports by almost a third after Russia intensified attacks against key energy infrastructure as winter approaches.

Ukraine is trying to persuade its allies to allow the use of frozen Russian assets to pay for defense needs and to ramp up sanctions on Moscow to punish President Vladimir Putin for stalling efforts to end his full-scale invasion, now well into its fourth year.

Finance ministers from the Group of Seven nations including the U.S., the U.K., France, Germany, Italy, Japan and Canada will meet next week

to consider options to impose new restrictions on key Russian economic sectors including energy, finance and military production.

Zelenskyy said discussions with U.S. President Donald Trump’s administration have continued “on various levels” including with the military and special services since the two leaders met on the sidelines of the United Nations General Assembly in New York last month.

“Despite the cold weather outside, our relations remain warm at various levels,” Zelenskyy said. Trump’s special envoys Steve Witkoff and Keith Kellogg, Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent and the Department of Defense are all involved in the dialogue, he said.

U.S. military specialists regularly visit Ukraine and U.S. intelligence is making it possible for advanced air defenses such as the Patriot anti-missile system to function properly in defending the country against Russian strikes, Zelenskyy said.

“We’re working with U.S. intelligence,” the president said. “All the systems — Patriots, NASAMS and Iris-T — would have limited data without U.S. intelligence.”

Trump has sharpened his stance toward Putin after repeated attempts to convince him to en-

gage in peace talks failed. But the U.S. administration has so far stopped short of imposing additional sanctions on Moscow, nor has it resumed financial aid for Ukraine. Instead, European allies have taken up the burden of paying for U.S. weapons that Kyiv needs.

More recently, the U.S. has floated the possibility of providing Ukraine with long-range Tomahawk missiles, one of the most advanced weapons in its arsenal, prompting warnings from Moscow that this would further strain ties with Washington. Kyiv wants to be technically ready to receive them should the decision be positive, according to Zelenskyy.

“Now it’s an important signal – strengthening Ukraine by every available means,” he said. “And Tomahawks are one of the options I consider important.”

The conversation about the U.S. potentially supplying Ukraine with Tomahawks began more than a year ago when President Joe Biden was still in power, Zelenskyy said. It’s a “positive signal” that the current administration hasn’t outright ruled it out, he said.

Ukraine lacks sufficient air defense to protect its entire territory from Russian missile and drone barrages. Energy infrastructure has come

under increasing attack in recent weeks, causing widespread power disruptions as winter approaches.

Zelenskyy also weighed in on Trump’s desire to win the Nobel Peace Prize. “If Trump gives the

world – above all, the Ukrainian people – the chance for such a ceasefire, then yes, he should be nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize,” Zelenskyy said. “We will nominate him on behalf of Ukraine.”

## • County Commission

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puters is \$79,180 which is \$80.66 more than the total grant amount. This is a reimbursement grant meaning that a local government spends the money and then the State tries to reimburse them within 30 days. However, there are no guarantees. Clubine spoke to Insight and worked out a 90 day purchasing term so that the County will not have to pay for the new computers until January. This means the County can purchase the computers right away and avoid a budget shortage. The deadline to apply for reimbursement is May 31, 2026. “I want to go ahead and get this project done; get it wrapped up,” he assured the Commission. “This cleans it all up.” The Commissioners approved.

Kori White, Assistant County Administrator; Jonathan Booe, County Administrator and Ashley Hand, Human Resources, came forward to go over the County employee handbook. “We have been working on this for nine to ten months,” White stated. The Commissioners were concerned that being too specific on policies in the handbook might lead to a need to make adjustments and issue updated printings in the future. They recommended that employees consult Human Resources for the most updated policy details. White explained that some employees are more interested in consulting a manual than speaking with Human Resources directly to answer questions.

The next meeting of the County Board of Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, October 14 at 6:00 p.m., in the lower level of the Judicial Center. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend. Recordings of the meetings are available for viewing at the new county website [www.ks-montgomerycounty.civicplus.com](http://www.ks-montgomerycounty.civicplus.com) under the agendas section.

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