Wilma Mankiller (1945-2010)

Community Leader and Advocate

Wilma Mankiller is honored and recognized as the first female Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation. She is also the first woman elected as chief of a major Native tribe. She spent her remarkable life fighting for the rights of American Indians. In 2022, Mankiller was honored on a circulating quarter dollar as part of the U.S. Mint's American Women Quarters™ Program.





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