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James M. Fortier
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Dear Mr. James M. Fortier,

I'm writing to officially request the honor of screening the Searching for Sequoyah documentary at the 69th Cherokee National Holiday. This year's celebration focusses on Cherokee language & bicentennial of Sequoyah's syllabary. The theme of the event is "Cultivating Our Culture: Language. Literacy. Lifeways."

Traditionally, the Cherokee National Holiday draws more than 100,000 visitors from around the world to the capital of the Cherokee Nation in Tahlequah, Oklahoma on Labor Day weekend. Since COVID-19 continues to remain a threat, the Cherokee Nation will be hosting a hybrid celebration featuring both virtual and limited in-person events.

The Searching for Sequoyah documentary would be screened at the 2nd Annual Drive-In Movie Nights event at One Fire Field in Tahlequah, Oklahoma on Friday, September 3rd and Saturday, September 4th at dusk. This event was a tremendous success last year. Cherokee families and friends safely experienced the exclusive content on our 100' big screen in stunning high resolution. The Cherokee Nation would be honored to feature Searching for Sequoyah this year.

Thank you for your time and consideration. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me anytime.

Sincerely,

Austin Patton

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