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Secretary of the Interior  
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RE: National Garden of American Heroes

Gentlemen:

The Board of County Commissioners of Cotton County, Oklahoma are in receipt of your request to create a National Garden of American Heroes. This letter is in response to that request. The Board of County Commissioners and the City of Walters, Oklahoma would be proud and honored to create and protect this National Garden of American Heroes.

We would like to offer the Cotton County Courthouse grounds and Sultan Park located one mile north of the Courthouse and the City of Walters. A map and pictures of the areas is attached. Sultan Park is a beautiful park covered with trees. It has a small island surrounded by water with a walking trail around the exterior of the island. The rest of the park has roads going all the way around and through it; as seen on the map.

Cotton County is a small farming community with solid American values that our forefathers founded this great country on. It would be our honor to display and protect the statues and monuments of the American Heroes that fought to make the United States of American the greatest free nation in history.

Respectfully

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## **SULTAN PARK COTTON COUNTY, OKLAHOMA**

Cotton County is a strong Christian based agricultural and farming community comprised of 637 square miles of land and 5 in water. It is 407,680 acres of which 14,000 acres of school land (84 quarters) and 57,000 acres of Indian land (356.25 quarters), 956.07 miles of road. Population on 2010 Census was listed at 6193.

Walters Oklahoma is the county seat of Cotton County, Oklahoma. A number of well-known people hail from or resided in the county, including Abe Lemons (basketball coach), Doyle Parrack (basketball coach), Fred Harris (politician), Toby Harris (politician), Pepper Martin (professional baseball player), John Mabee (oilman), Van Heflin (actor), Jed Johnson, Sr. (politician and judge), and Oliver Willham (president of Oklahoma State University, 1952-66).

Sultan Park is located approximately one mile north of Walters, Oklahoma. The park includes a network of trails, mature trees and an island. Water is fed into the moat around the island from a creek located on the east side of the park. This allows for control of the water level. A swinging bridge and handicapped accessible metal bridge crosses over to the island; or if you prefer, you can drive over and park. A playground for children and restrooms is provided on the island. Everything the park has to offer is free. Several events during the year draw individuals and families to the park.

A walking trail is located around the perimeter of the island. The island is popular for people who love to walk for exercise or just to enjoy a relaxing evening. There are also roads and trails located throughout the park that are favorites for walking and driving. At different times of the year, many people take their children to the park to let them fish from the water around the island.

The park offers a disc golf course; popular with the younger generation. This is located throughout the park.

It is home to many events during the year. Families enjoy picnics and gatherings throughout the year, and July 4<sup>th</sup> events on the north side of the park. Such events include turtle races, 3 leg sack races, watermelon seed spitting, water balloon toss, horseshoes and cornhole toss are some of the favorites; with prizes for the top winners.

The Comanche Nation Homecoming Powwow is held on the north side of the park each year. Grab a seat along the sidelines of the powwow grounds to see the amazing spectacle of traditional American Indian dancers in full regalia. Categories of dance competition will include gourd, cloth, buckskin, straight, fancy and more. Intertribal dancing and contests are held throughout the weekend. Food and merchandise vendors are on-hand to grab an Indian taco or other tasty treat. This is American Indian dancing at its finest.

Cotton County would be honored to have the National Garden of American Heroes.