

May 23, 1991

Dear Pottawatami Tribe:

I write ~~of~~ to request your presence at our 114 Emancipation Celebration at Nicodemus, Kansas. The Pottawatami indians assisted the new settlers at Nicodemus in the early years from 1877 and 1878 while they were trying to carve out an existence on the great plains of Kansas. Record of the Pottawatami indians visiting the townsite to assist new settlers is admirable, and we would like to bring that part of our history to our annual emancipation celebration by having representatives from your tribe present. We would like to have you participate by offering a speech or dancing, or what ever you feel appropriate. We would like to have representatives from your tribe on Saturday, July 27, 1991. We hope that you will be able to put up a tee-pee and wear your traditional dress.

The Nicodemus historical society is limited funds and will try to assist in by giving you a small donation of about \$50.00. If we can afford more, we will definately give more.

An independent producer from Baltimore, Maryland and Kansas University will be on the townsite to film a documentary, that will be shown on PBS stations across the United States next fall. We hope that we can have your presence.

Thank you,

Angela Bates,
President