

VIDEO NEWS RELEASE

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SUGGESTED LEAD IN:

A BRIDGE UNITING TWO ICONIC SOUTHCENTRAL OKLAHOMA DESTINATIONS WAS UNVEILED TODAY.

CHICKASAW NATION GOVERNOR BILL ANOATUBBY WAS JOINED BY CONGRESSMAN TOM COLE AND SEVERAL DIGNITARIES IN DEDICATION CEREMONIES TO OPEN THE INKANA BRIDGE, WHICH LINKS THE CHICKASAW CULTURAL CENTER AND CHICKASAW NATIONAL RECREATION AREA.

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**CG: Governor Bill Anoatubby
The Chickasaw Nation**

“Inkana, in Chickasaw, means “friend,” so, it’s a friendship bridge.”

“It’s a sentiment that really applies to both this relationship that we have with the Park Service and the Chickasaw National Recreation Area that is not just related to this bridge; but to future endeavors that we will engage in, together.”

((VO BEGINS))

**CG: CHICKASAW CULTURAL CENTER
SULPHUR, OKLAHOMA**

THE 195-FOOT SUSPENSION BRIDGE PROVIDES VISITORS EASY ACCESS TO BOTH ATTRACTIONS, AND IS EXPECTED TO BOOST THE NUMBER OF VISITORS TO BOTH FACILITIES, ENHANCING THE AREA’S TOURISM INDUSTRY.

GOV. ANOATUBBY SAID THE INKANA BRIDGE WILL PROVIDE VISITORS MANY EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES AND A WELL-ROUNDED FAMILY VACATION DESTINATION.

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“It’s beneficial to have this link between the two.”

“It continues to enhance the tourism in this community and it furthers the goal of creating a popular destination for visitors in this county and in Sulphur.”

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**CG: CHICKASAW CULTURAL CENTER
SULPHUR, OKLAHOMA**

THE BRIDGE IS A JOINT EFFORT BETWEEN THE CHICKASAW NATION AND THE NATIONAL PARK SERVICE.

THE CHICKASAW SPIRAL AND THE NATIONAL PARK ARROWHEAD EMBLEM ARE DESIGNED IN THE BRIDGE BEAMS.

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“It is fitting that this bridge should join the Chickasaw Cultural Center with the Chickasaw National Recreation Area, furthering our long-standing relationship with the park service, and to indicate how important this relationship is into the future; and our commitment to working with the National Park Service to further both the Chickasaw Cultural Center and this national park.”

SUGGESTED TAG:

CHICKASAW NATIONAL RECREATION AREA WAS ESTABLISHED AS PLATT NATIONAL PARK IN 1906 AT THE REQUEST OF THE CHICKASAW NATION. IT IS THE ONLY NATIONAL PARK TO HOLD THIS DISTINCTION. ADDITIONAL ACREAGE WAS ADDED IN 1976 AND THE AREA WAS RENAMED CHICKASAW NATIONAL RECREATION AREA TO HONOR THE CHICKASAW PEOPLE.

THE BRIDGE CAN BE ACCESSED IN CNRA'S VETERAN'S LAKE AREA AND NEAR THE TRADITIONAL VILLAGE OF THE CULTURAL CENTER.

MORE THAN 275 PEOPLE ATTENDED TODAY'S RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY.
