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**Tsalagiya Nvdagi Anilasdala'**  
**Texas Cherokee Tribe**  
to AICS - American Indian Cultural Society:

**Osiyo - Greetings Chairman Eagle Douglas,**

The Tsalagiya Nvdagi Tribe and its Citizens would like to reach out to the American Indian Cultural Society in concerns to the Battle of the Neches Chief Bowles Memorial site.

On Thursday October 19, 2023 during our Tsalagiya Nvdagi Tribe Annual Culture Camp and Gathering, approximately 30 tribal citizens caravanned to the the Memorial site to connect with the land and pay our respects to this sacred ground and our ancestors who fought and died here. We smudged and offered prayers and tobacco and had a water blessing before encouraging individuals to walk around and get a feel for our shared history here. Many of us are direct descendants or blood relatives of Chief Bowles and other tribal folks who perished here at the hands of the Republic of Texas forces.

It is our great hope to volunteer and partner with AICS on fundraising as well as work on upkeep and improvements on the land for future generations to honor and enjoy this sacred place. Many of us had deep spiritual experiences here and the voice was clear that it is our duty to help protect and care for this land.

We are also interested in helping host the Battle of the Neches Memorial Ceremony that is historically held in July at the Memorial site.

The Tsalagiya Nvdagi Tribe honors your mission statement:  
"To carry our traditions honorably, while educating and supporting our Native American Communities."

We hope that you will accept our volunteerism and our help as "Keepers of the Land".  
Unlelanvhi Udadolisdi! – Creators Blessings!

Ugu Principal Chief - William P. Hoff  
Tribal Traditional Adawehi  
Chairman Treaty Committee  
AniAwi – Deer Clan Member

Co-Chair Treaty Committee – John Garcia  
Southern Towns District Chief  
AniTsisiqua – Bird Clan Representative & Member

