

Menominee County Board of Supervisors

W3269 Courthouse Lane
P.O. Box 279
Keshena, WI 54135
Phone: 715-799-3311 | Fax: 715-799-3412



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Wednesday, August 16, 2023

MENOMINEE COUNTY HONORS AND PAYS TRIBUTE TO THE LIFE AND MEMORY OF ADA DEER

KESHENA, WI. – Menominee County would like to honor and pay tribute to the life and memory of Ada Deer, who passed away on August 15, 2023, at the tender age of 88. Among her many accomplishments, Ada served as a political activist, teacher, Menominee Tribal Chairperson, Assistant Secretary of Indian Affairs, and Chairperson of the Native American Rights Fund. Ada was instrumental in keeping Menominee County financially solvent after its creation in 1961 by helping lobby the state and federal government to provide financial aid to the fledgling government. She also inspired others to practice the art of civic engagement to achieve causes greater than their own, which ultimately led to the restoration of federal recognition of the Menominee Tribe through the passage of the Menominee Restoration Act on December 22, 1973. She was a woman of many firsts, talents, and accomplishments, but her greatest source of pride was her Menominee heritage and the Menominee community she always referred to as home. She has served as a great role model to many by practicing the Menominee value of giving back to the community. Her life was a shining example of a life well lived.

On behalf of the Menominee County Board of Supervisors, I wish to extend our condolences to the family and friends of Ada. /s/ Elizabeth Moses, Chairperson, Menominee County Board of Supervisors

###