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(S.D.)-Oglala Sioux Tribe To Honor Russell Means

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OGLALA, S.D. (AP) - The Oglala Sioux Tribe in South Dakota is honoring former American Indian Movement leader Russell Means.

Means is a member of the tribe and gained national fame in the 1970s for his political activism related to the American Indian Movement. He helped lead the 71-day uprising at Wounded Knee in 1973. Means has gone on to become an actor in films such as "The Last of the Mohicans" and "Pocahontas."

Oglala Sioux President John Yellow Bird Steele declared June 26, 2012, as "Russell Means Day" to honor Means' "accomplishments, dedication and patriotism" to the tribe.

The signed proclamation was given to Means at the conclusion of a walk on Tuesday that commemorated the many people killed on the reservation during the 1970s.

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