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**Flags to Fly at Half Staff in Honor of Local Tribe Leader**  
***City of San Fernando Pays Tribute to Rudy "Chief Little Bear" Ortega, Sr.***

Today, San Fernando Mayor Steven Veres requested that flags on city buildings remain at half staff through Monday in honor of Rudy "Chief Little Bear" Ortega, Sr. who died July 31.

This action follows the adjournment of last week's City Council meeting in memory of Ortega.

Ortega was a tribal captain who gained federal recognition and land rights for the Fernandeano Tataviam tribe. He spent decades researching the tribe's history and advocated for improved social services for tribal descendents who worked at the San Fernando Mission from the 1790s to the 1840s.

Ortega was also instrumental in the design of San Fernando's Heritage Park, which features an educational Tataviam village vignette.

"Mr. Ortega left a lasting legacy on San Fernando and it's an honor to pay respect to him," said Veres. "His advocacy and passion helped the community understand its history, and it's that history that now defines our community."

Ortega's funeral services were held yesterday followed by a prayer service this morning.

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