



Norman artist releases book with Keating

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— OKLAHOMA CITY -- Former Oklahoma Gov. Frank Keating and Norman artist Mike Wimmer have joined forces to develop a children's book titled "The Trial of Standing Bear."

Published by the Oklahoma Heritage Association, the title is the inaugural issue in the non-profit organization's newest book line targeted toward children and young adults.

"The Trial of Standing Bear" tells of the anguish and resolve of Ponca Chief Standing Bear and his people as they are forced from their homeland. Through paintings, readers follow the Poncas from the banks of Niobrara to Indian Territory.

"The Trial of Standing Bear is the little known, and less appreciated, story of a seminal civil rights event: the Federal Court finding that Indians were people under the Constitution of the United States," Keating said. "Every child should know this story of courage, perseverance and love."

"The Trial of Standing Bear" retails for \$16.95 and is available at the Gaylord-Pickens Oklahoma Heritage Museum Store in Oklahoma City, on the Association and Museum's Web site at www.oklahomaheritage.com, at bookstores across the state and on www.amazon.com.

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