Giiwedinong Museum

March 11, 2023

Representative Alicia Kozlowski (DFL) Senator Mary Kunesh

Dear Representative Kozlowski and Senator Kunesh:

This is to convey my strong support for the Giiwedinong Museum in Park Rapids. Dedicated to treaty rights and culture, this critically important new facility is fundamental to providing needed educational and cultural services to multiple audiences. The museum will bring to life the stories of historic and contemporary Anishinaabe people, provide accurate information associated with the complex ecology and economy of the land, counteract longstanding erasure and misrepresentation of Native lives and communities, and contribute to a sustainable future. It will preserve history and heritage by providing exhibitions, programs, and other services for diverse individuals and groups across the region, including students, teachers, researchers, and many other community members. It will also highlight contemporary presence through diverse means, including oral tradition and artistic creation.

Your support of the Giiwedinong Museum will be greatly appreciated. Feel free to contact me if you would like additional information from me. I am a citizen of White Earth Nation and my work experiences include curatorial contributions at the Hampton University Museum, Sequoyah National Research Center, and the Mitchell Museum of the American Indian.

Sincerely,

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