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To Sen. Kunesh, Rep Alicia Kozlowski, Member of the Mn Legislature:

We are writing to support the Giiwedining Museum in Park Rapids. This museum is an emergent and very important opportunity to restore accurate historic narratives on Northern Minnesota, and bring to life the stories of the Anishinaabe people, our political leadership and the complex ecological and economic histories of this land. There is no such museum dedicated to treaty rights and culture in Minnesota, and Park Rapids is a crossroads of thousands of years of trade, flourishing communities, and today, significant tourism opportunities. We see this museum as a way to share the history of the Anishinaabe people with the general public and to offer an excellent opportunity for educational materials for schools in the region and more.

The mission of the Park Rapids Downtown Business Association is to promote the long-term strength and economic viability of business in the downtown area. We believe the Giiwedining Museum, which is located in the downtown area, will lend to our mission and add to the vibrancy of our thriving community

We are hopeful that you will support this museum.

Sincerely,

Sally Wizik Wills
Chair, Park Rapids Downtown Business Association