

February 29, 2024 Essentia Health – Fargo 3000 32<sup>nd</sup> Ave S Fargo, ND 58103

RE: Letter of support for the Moorhead Cultural Mall Project

I am writing on behalf of Essentia Health to express our strong support for the Immigrant Development Center's initiative to establish the Moorhead Cultural Mall. This visionary project represents a significant opportunity to enhance the cultural, economic, and social fabric of Moorhead and the surrounding communities.

Essentia Health is a non-profit, integrated health system caring for patients in Minnesota, North Dakota, and Wisconsin. At Essentia Health, we are called to make a healthy difference in people's lives. To fulfill that mission, we seek opportunities to both enhance the care we provide and improve health within our communities.

The Moorhead Cultural Mall, with its focus on celebrating diversity, fostering community engagement, and promoting economic development, aligns with our organization's mission and values. We believe that this project will not only serve as a vibrant hub for cultural exchange and learning but also stimulate local business growth, create jobs, and attract visitors to the area.

We are particularly impressed with the project's inclusive approach, aiming to provide a platform for immigrant and local entrepreneurs to showcase their talents, goods, and services. The planned integration of event spaces, educational programs, and cultural exhibitions will undoubtedly make the Moorhead Cultural Mall a cornerstone for community enrichment and cross-cultural understanding.

In recognition of the potential impact of the Moorhead Cultural Mall, Essentia Health extends its full support to the Immigrant Development Center and its efforts to bring this project to fruition. We look forward to witnessing the positive changes the Cultural Mall will bring to our community. Please join us in supporting the Immigrant Development Center and making a healthy difference in people's lives.

Sincerely,

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