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Patricia Keating Kahn, Chairwoman
Historic Preservation Commission
City of Milwaukee
200 E. Wells St.
Milwaukee, WI 53202

Dear Chairwoman Keating Kahn and Members of the Milwaukee Historic Preservation Commission,

Please accept this letter of support for the Wisconsin Native Vote application for the Certificate of Appropriateness to install a mural on the north (rear) wall of the Gerald L. Ignace Indian Health Center (GLIHC), located at 930 W. Historic Mitchell Street.

The ***Vote for the Seventh Generation*** mural by renowned artist Christopher Sweet, of the Ho-Chunk Nation, is part of a statewide, nonpartisan effort to have our Native voices heard and increase voter turnout at the polls. Mr. Sweet has captured our Native pride in our Mother Earth, our traditions, and the need to protect our culture and way of life for future generations.

Milwaukee is home to the largest Native American population in Wisconsin, including members of the Stockbridge-Munsee Community where I am also president. These populations have literally been ignored. I understand that GLIHC is the hub of this community. I was informed that Wisconsin Native Vote's Urban Organizer Anne Egan-Waukau initiated mural discussions in April with the GLIHC Board and CEO Dr. Lyle Ignace. The GLIHC Board has unanimously endorsed this important project. I recently talked with Anne, and she has assured me that Wisconsin Native Vote and the artist will maintain the quality of the mural.

The Great Lakes Inter-Tribal Council, Inc. supports Wisconsin Native Vote's goal to increase voter turnout because it will help us to achieve our mission to enhance the quality of life for all Native people.

On behalf of the Great Lakes Inter-Tribal Council Board of Directors, I am submitting this letter in support of the Wisconsin Native Vote's application and the placement of the mural ***Vote for the Seventh Generation*** on the GLIHC's north wall. Incidentally, the mural's theme supports our Vision Statement: That GLITC shall be a diligent advocate for the advancement and promotion of tribal nations and communities by honoring the seventh-generation perspective.

Thank you,

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