## Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Reservation Business Committee

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Danielle Erjavec, Property Services Specialist City of Duluth 1532 W. Michigan Street Duluth, MN 55806

Dear Ms. Erjavec,

On behalf of the Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa, thank you for your request for the Band's support of long-term permits for a trailer and a debris-catcher at the site of the Fond du Lac Historic Cemetery in Duluth. As you know, when the work done by MNDOT and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers led to the desecration of the Band's ancestral cemetery, our community was devastated. Since that initial desecration, the communication and collaborative work happening at the site has been promising.

We understand that MNDOT is requesting permits from the city to maintain a trailer and a debris catcher that will last for as long as five years. We understand the need for those two things in order to facilitate further recovery efforts at the site, and we support the issuance of those permits.

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Kevin R. Dupuis, Sr.

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Roberta Dwyer, MNDOT Project Manager