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Minnesota Mississippi River Parkway Commission

56 33rd Avenue South, #283

St. Cloud, MN 56301

Re: Great River Road All-American Road Designation

Dear Sen. Senjem, Chair and Commission Members,

The Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe supports designation of the Minnesota Great River Road as an All-American Road by the Federal Highway Administration.

The Great River Road meets All-American Road designation criteria, possessing many and varied intrinsic resources that are of national significance. The Great River Road has importance for all communities along the river as evidenced in this nomination, guided by a Corridor Management Plan that meets FHWA requirements for All-American Road designation. The byway brings travelers to unique and exceptional landscapes and experiences including our roads, lands and villages.

The Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe was represented on the Project Advisory Team for the Minnesota Great River Road Corridor Management Plan; hosted a meeting of project leaders during the CMP process to discuss opportunities and needs; developed trails along the byway; and looks forward to continued participation in implementation of CMP strategies such as creation of interpretive panel content to help share our stories with byway travelers.

The Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe heartily endorses Minnesota’s efforts, along with its partner states, to have the Great River Road designated as an All-American Road by the Federal Highway Administration.

Sincerely,