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Article 1: Minnesota Heritage Finance Appropriations

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1 Summary of appropriations.

2 Minnesota Heritage appropriations.

3 Explore Minnesota Tourism. Appropriates \$11,669,000 in fiscal year 2008 and \$12,587,000 in fiscal year 2009 for Explore Minnesota Tourism. (See spreadsheet for line item appropriation amounts.) The items in this section include:

- initiatives to maximize private sector involvement in tourism that included match requirements of \$3 from non state funds for each \$1 of state funds;
- funding for marketing grants;
- operating costs of the Minnesota Film and TV Board that require a \$1 dollar match of non state funds for every \$3 of state funding and funding for the film jobs production program; and
- onetime funding to St. Louis County for a feasibility study and planning activities for the St. Louis county Heritage and Arts Center at the Duluth depot.

4 Minnesota Historical Society. Provides \$29,031,000 in fiscal year 2008 and \$24,441,000 in fiscal year 2009 for activities related to the Minnesota Historical Society. Of this:

- approximately \$31 million over the biennium is for education and outreach activities;

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- \$21 million is for preservation and access activities including, \$500,000 for restoration of historic furnishings and art works at the capitol building, and \$308,000 for preservation of battle flags;
- \$1.2 million is included for pass through grants to the Minnesota International Center, the Minnesota Air National Guard Museum, the Minnesota Military Museum; and Farmamerica;
- \$150,000 is for a onetime grant to the Nicollet County Historical Society for the Treaty Site History Center in St. Peter; and
- \$200,000 is for a onetime grant to the Hmong Studies Center at Concordia University in St. Paul.

In addition, the Minnesota Historical Society, Explore Minnesota Tourism and other state and local entities are directed to assemble a study group to develop a plan of coordinated activities to enhance and promote historic sites, and historical, scenic and natural features of the Minnesota River Valley including the Dakota Conflict of 1862 and preparations for the sesquicentennial of this event.

- 5 **Board of the Arts.** Appropriates \$9,975,000 in fiscal year 2008 and \$9,982,000 in fiscal year 2009 for the state arts board.
- 6 **Minnesota Humanities Commission.** Establishes base funding for the humanities commission of \$500,000 each year. Of this 10 percent each year is for lifelong learning programs in greater Minnesota communities that don't receive other support for these activities.
- 7 **Public Broadcasting.** Appropriates \$3,103,000 in fiscal year 2008 and \$3,103,000 in fiscal year 2009 for public television and public radio.
- 8 **Amateur Sports Commission.** Appropriates \$371,000 in fiscal year 2008 and \$376,000 in fiscal year 2009 for the amateur sports commission. Of this \$67,000 each year is for a onetime appropriation for an additional event development position. The commission's base budget reverts to \$215,000 each year in fiscal years 2010 and 2011. This appropriation is in addition to the standing appropriation of \$750,000 each year related to the Target Center Lease Agreement.
- 9 **Council on Black Minnesotans.** Appropriates \$322,000 in fiscal year 2008 and \$328,000 in fiscal year 2009 for the Council on Black Minnesotans. \$25,000 each year is for expenses related to the annual Martin Luther King Jr. holiday celebration.
- 10 **Council on Chicano/Latino Affairs.** Appropriates \$306,000 in fiscal year 2008 and \$310,000 in fiscal year 2009.
- 11 **Council on Asian Pacific Minnesotans.** Appropriates \$287,000 in fiscal year 2008 and \$285,000 in fiscal year 2009.
- 12 **Indian Affairs Council.** Appropriates \$661,000 in fiscal year 2008 and \$487,000 in fiscal year 2009. Of this \$80,000 is for the acquisition of an Indian burial site in Becker County; \$100,000 if for a onetime transfer to the Minnesota Office of Higher Education for a grant for the Dakota/Ojibwe Language Revitalization Project.
- 13 **Science Museum of Minnesota.** Appropriates \$1,250,000 each year in fiscal years 2008 and 2009 and establishes the museum's base budget for the 2010-2011 fiscal biennium at \$1

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million each year.

- 14 Zoological Board.** Appropriates \$7,200,000 in fiscal year 2008 and \$7,328,000 in fiscal year 2009 for the Minnesota Zoo. \$137,000 the first year and \$138,000 the second year is for the natural resources fund. The zoo's base budget for the fiscal biennium 2010-2011 is \$6,940,000 each year.

Article 2: Policy

- 1 Battle Flags; Repair.** Authorizes the Minnesota Historical Society in addition to the adjutant general to contract for the repair, restoration and preservation of regimental battle flags, standards and guidons and removes the requirement that the commissioner of administration approve the contract. The Historical Society is also given the same authority as the adjutant general to surrender control of these items during restoration. Both the adjutant general and the historical society must provide adequate storage and display space for these items one repaired and restored.

The flags and colors carried by Minnesota troops in the Civil War, Indian Wars and the Spanish-American war shall be preserved under the care and control of the Minnesota Historical Society. The flags and colors carried by Minnesota troops in subsequent wars are under the care and control of the adjutant general.