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St. Paul Parks Commissioners and Council Members,

To whom it concerns:

I write this letter of support for the renaming of both Indian Mounds Cemetery and Bruce Vento Nature Sanctuary. I have participated in a lengthy and intentional process to rename these two sacred sites to signify the importance of them to the Dakota history and future.

The process was facilitated by Wakan Tipi Awanyankapi and inclusive of St. Paul Parks through multiple conversations and meetings. Several names were considered, and it was determined that the most honorable recommendation would be to name the area of both sites a cultural landscape with names for each site for their significance.

The name of the Cultural Landscape is recommended to be Imnīžaska representing the name the Dakota uses for the St. Paul area. And I support the recommendation of the name Wakáŋ Tipi to replace name for Bruce Vento Nature Sanctuary, and Wicahapi to replace the name Indian Mounds Regional Park.

Sincerely,

Cheyenne St. John, THPO Director
Lower Sioux Indian Community

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