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**COUNTY BOARD CELEBRATES SIGNING OF  
WAR MEMORIAL/MILWAUKEE ART MUSEUM PACT**

(MILWAUKEE) – Milwaukee County Board Chairwoman Marina Dimitrijevic today was joined by Board colleagues in praising the signing of an agreement between the War Memorial and Milwaukee Art Museum that will ensure the viability and beauty of “two treasures on Milwaukee’s lakefront.”

“The County Board brought these two parties together to work out an agreement that would keep these magnificent symbols of Milwaukee County preserved for generations to come,” Dimitrijevic said. “The signing of this compromise signals the end to a long journey for both organizations, but it also signals the beginning of a rejuvenated partnership that will honor our veterans and preserve our art.”

Under the pact, the War Memorial Center/Milwaukee Art Museum will receive \$1,586,000 per year from the County from 2014 through 2023. This includes a payment of \$1,100,000 to the Art Museum and \$486,000 to the War Memorial. The annual funding commitment ends after the ten-year period, but the other portions of the agreement could extend for up to 84 years.

County capital improvement funding of \$10 million between 2013 and 2017 will supplement the Art Museum’s planned private funding of \$15 million for a total \$25 million investment in improvements to the publically-owned portions of the War Memorial and Art Museum buildings and grounds.

The Milwaukee County Board voted unanimously to approve the agreement.

“This is an example of what government can accomplish when everyone works together,” Dimitrijevic said. “Milwaukee County is fortunate to have an amazing lakefront that is home to a war memorial that honors those who have fought for freedom, and an art museum that represents freedom of expression.”

"I am proud of the important role the County Board played in this process as this investment will deliver results to our constituents."

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