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## **SOUTH SIDE MILWAUKEE LANDMARK REMOVED FOR RESTORATION**

Supervisor Romo West Reminds Residents, Visitors of District 12 About Temporary Change

**Milwaukee** – Milwaukee County Supervisor Peggy Romo West, District 12, applauds the success of the group “Restore Kosciuszko Monument Project” in raising funds and restoring the well-known and beloved statue of General Tadeusz Kosciuszko at 9<sup>th</sup> Place and Lincoln Avenue in Milwaukee.

“No, your eyes are not playing tricks on you,” said Supervisor Romo West of the temporary “disappearance” of the famous statue from Kosciuszko Park. “I appreciate your concern in advance, but there’s no need to call authorities; the statue is in the good hands of a conservation artist in Ohio.”

The monument pays homage to General Kosciuszko, who was a hero in the struggle for human rights in the late 1700s, after he volunteered for the cause of American independence as well as the fight for freedom in his native Poland.

Milwaukee’s early Polish settlers raised more than \$13,000 (approximately \$350,000 in today’s dollars) to memorialize Kosciuszko with the bronze equestrian statute, which was erected in 1905. After more than 100 years, the statue and its base now require extensive restoration, cleaning and structural work.

On Tuesday, February 12, 2013, Kosciuszko’s 267<sup>th</sup> birthday – the monument was loaded onto a truck headed for a restoration artist’s studio.

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