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Lac du Flambeau Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians Designated a Preserve America Community

LAC DU FLAMBEAU, WISCONSIN – In ceremonies today, John L. Nau, III, chairman, Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP), presented the certificate designating the Lac du Flambeau Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians as a Preserve America Community.

"The Lac du Flambeau Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians have laid a strong foundation in this special place where the connections between history, people, nature, and the enduring landscape are so profound. I have often noted that preservation is not a cost for maintaining the past. It is an essential investment in the future. And I am pleased to see that the Band is making such an investment here in a way that involves their culture and heritage," Nau said.

Receiving the certificate was Carl Edwards, president, Lac du Flambeau Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians.

There are now 762 Preserve America Communities across the United States, including three tribes that have received the designation, and 17 additional communities designated within Wisconsin. In addition to the Lac du Flambeau band, the two other Indian tribes or bands already within the program are the White Mountain Apache Tribe (Arizona) and St. George Island (Alaska).

Preserve America Communities protect and celebrate their heritage, use historic assets for economic development and community revitalization, and encourage people to experience and appreciate local historic resources through education and heritage tourism programs.

The Preserve America program seeks to fulfill the goals of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 through renewed emphasis in involving Americans in local activities that preserve and appropriately utilize heritage assets through partnerships with federal agencies, tribes, state governments, local governments, schools, preservation organizations, and the private sector. For more information see www.preserveamerica.gov.

ABOUT THE ACHP: The ACHP, an independent federal agency, promotes the preservation, enhancement, and productive use of the nation's historic resources, and advises the President and Congress on national historic preservation policy. It also provides a forum for influencing federal activities, programs, and policies that impact historic properties. In addition, the ACHP has a key role in carrying out the Preserve America program. See www.achp.gov for more information.

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