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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 303

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Legacy Funding Finance

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to state government; appropriating money for the Minnesota Historical
1.3 Society.

1.4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.5 Section 1. **APPROPRIATION; MINNESOTA HISTORICAL SOCIETY.**

1.6 (a) \$6,100,000 in fiscal year 2016 and \$6,100,000 in fiscal year 2017 are
1.7 appropriated from the arts and cultural heritage fund to the governing board of the
1.8 Minnesota Historical Society for statewide historic and cultural grants to local, county,
1.9 regional, or other historical or cultural organizations or for activities to preserve significant
1.10 historic and cultural resources. Funds are to be distributed through a competitive grant
1.11 process. The Minnesota Historical Society shall administer these funds using established
1.12 grant mechanisms, with assistance from the advisory committee created under Laws 2009,
1.13 chapter 172, article 4, section 2, subdivision 4, paragraph (b), item (ii).

1.14 (b) \$6,100,000 in fiscal year 2016 and \$6,100,000 in fiscal year 2017 are
1.15 appropriated from the arts and cultural heritage fund to the governing board of the
1.16 Minnesota Historical Society for historic and cultural programs and purposes related
1.17 to the heritage of the state of Minnesota.

1.18 (c) \$2,200,000 in fiscal year 2016 and \$2,200,000 in fiscal year 2017 are appropriated
1.19 from the arts and cultural heritage fund to the governing board of the Minnesota Historical
1.20 Society for history partnerships involving multiple organizations, which may include the
1.21 Minnesota Historical Society, to preserve and enhance access to Minnesota's history and
1.22 cultural heritage in all regions of the state.

1.23 (d) \$300,000 in fiscal year 2016 and \$300,000 in fiscal year 2017 are appropriated
1.24 from the arts and cultural heritage fund to the governing board of the Minnesota Historical

2.1 Society for a contract or contracts to be awarded on a competitive basis to conduct statewide
2.2 surveys of Minnesota's sites of historical, archeological, and cultural significance. Results
2.3 of the surveys must be published in a searchable form and available to the public on a
2.4 cost-free basis. The Minnesota Historical Society, the Office of the State Archeologist,
2.5 and the Indian Affairs Council shall each appoint a representative to an oversight board to
2.6 select contractors and direct the conduct of the surveys. The oversight board shall consult
2.7 with the Department of Transportation and the Department of Natural Resources.

2.8 (e) \$300,000 in fiscal year 2016 and \$300,000 in fiscal year 2017 are appropriated
2.9 from the arts and cultural heritage fund to the governing board of the Minnesota Historical
2.10 Society for a digital library project to preserve, digitize, and share Minnesota images,
2.11 documents, and historical materials. The Minnesota Historical Society shall cooperate
2.12 with the Minitex interlibrary loan system and shall jointly share this appropriation for
2.13 these purposes.

2.14 (f) Grant agreements entered into by the Minnesota Historical Society and other
2.15 recipients of appropriations in this subdivision must ensure that these funds are used to
2.16 supplement, not substitute for, traditional sources of funding. Funds directly appropriated
2.17 to the Minnesota Historical Society shall be used to supplement, not substitute for,
2.18 traditional sources of funding. Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section 16A.28, for
2.19 historic preservation projects that improve historical structures, the amounts are available
2.20 until June 30, 2019.

2.21 (g) The appropriations in this section are onetime. Any unencumbered balance
2.22 remaining under this section in the first year does not cancel, but is available for the
2.23 second year of the biennium.