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To Whom it May Concern,

The City of Waukesha Landmarks Commission wishes to express its sincere appreciation for the Ethnos 360 Bible Institute, specifically for its commitment to thoughtful maintenance and continued adaptive use of one of Waukesha's most important Landmark properties.

The Resthaven Hotel was built in 1905 as a Springs Era resort hotel and health sanitarium. After the hotel closed in 1919 it was sold to the Veteran's Administration, who used it first as a recuperative hospital for service members and later as a tuberculosis hospital. The New Tribes Bible Institute, which is now known as Ethnos 360, took over the building several years after the hospital closed, and they have used it as a school for missionaries ever since. It was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1983 and it has been a designated Local Landmark since 1992.

The building is the last of the grand Springs Era resort hotels remaining intact today. It is a unique example of Classical Revival architecture in the City. Furthermore, its monumental scale and highly visible location on a prominent hill contribute to its importance as one of Waukesha's signature Local Landmarks. Ethnos 360's commitment to preserving the building and property, and to engaging with the Landmarks Commission review process in good faith, sets it apart within the community.

The Landmarks Commission and the City of Waukesha are lucky to have Ethnos 360 as a community partner. We fully support their efforts to fund their restoration project and we look forward to working with them as the project moves forward.

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Chair, Waukesha Landmarks Commission