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“Why Treaties Matter: Self-Government in the Dakota and Ojibwe Nations” Tour Highlights

National Award Received!

- Why Treaties Matter has been awarded the 2012 Helen and Martin Schwartz Prize from the Federation of State Humanities Councils. The national award from the Federation of State Humanities Councils recognizes outstanding work in the public humanities.

Seen by:

- over 46,000 people
- at 33 locations
- including 12 schools and colleges,
- the Mayo Clinic, Minnesota Department of Health and Minnesota Department of Transportation
- and the state capitol during the 2012 legislative session.

Over 76 media hits (average 4 per month) including:

- Minnesota Public Radio
- The Nightwolf Show, Washington, D.C.
- The Martha Fasthorse Radio Show
- Humanities Magazine, of the National Endowment for the Humanities and
- American Indian Magazine, of the National Museum of the American Indian.

People are saying:

- “A fantastic amount of information in limited space. Every Minnesotan should be aware of this history.” *Exhibit attendee, Riverland Community College, Austin*
- “Thank you for bringing “Why Treaties Matter” [to the American Indian Magnet School]. I have learned a lot and I enjoyed learning about treaties. I learned that there are different tribes. I learned they got forced to move. I learned why they lived on reservations.” *Elementary student, American Indian Magnet School, St. Paul*
- “Great! We need more exhibits like this, to make us think and know where we stand.” *Exhibit attendee, Riverland Community College, Austin*
- “Thanks for telling the truth about oppression and treaty violation.” *Exhibit attendee, Mayo Clinic, Rochester*
- “Now I understand why Natives assert their rights to Mille Lacs fishing.” *Exhibit attendee, Mayo Clinic, Rochester*
- “Never learned this part of history in school – inspired me to look at treaties.” *Exhibit attendee, Mayo Clinic, Rochester*
- “For many visitors both American Indian and those from other backgrounds, “Why Treaties Matter” was their first entry point into beginning to learn about the history of treaties in Minnesota.” *Native American Community Development Institute, Minneapolis*