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Maritime Museum Receives \$500,000 Grant from State of Michigan

South Haven, MI- Today, the Michigan Maritime Museum announced receiving a \$500,000 capital project grant from the State of Michigan. The Michigan Maritime Museum is a premier destination that preserves the rich heritage of the Great Lakes and provides the community and visitors with educational and cultural opportunities. This grant, in combination with millions of privately raised funds, will add a new Maritime Heritage Center building, expand exhibit and community event space both indoor and outdoor, and protect the harbor's infrastructure and access. Senator Aric Nesbitt, a Member of the Senate Appropriations Committee, successfully helped secure this grant.

"The Michigan Maritime Museum is a treasure, their team is tremendous, and I am very grateful the Museum is in our community. Whether they are hosting community events, providing educational opportunities for students, or drawing more visitors to our area, the Michigan Maritime Museum is a blessing, and the capital project will be incredible," said Senator Aric Nesbitt.

"This grant will enable the Museum to enhance our ability to attract more tourists to South Haven and serve our community. We are grateful for the numerous supporters of the Museum and look forward to the completion of this project, so we can expand our educational and community service," said Michigan Maritime Museum Executive Director Patti Montgomery Reinert.

For more information about the project and how you can help support the Museum in their campaign, visit <u>www.michiganmaritimemuseum.org/launching-a-legacy</u>.