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MEDIA ADVISORY

Kosciuszko Monument headed to Ohio for much needed preservation makeover

The historical **Thaddeus Kosciuszko Monument** that has graced Kosciuszko Park with its presence for over a century will be shipped out of state for restoration next week.

An event will be held on General Kosciuszko's 267th birthday anniversary, on Tuesday, February 12, 2013 at 1:00 p.m. at Kosciuszko Park at S. 9th Place and W. Lincoln Ave., as the statue is lifted from its base and loaded onto a truck headed to a conservation artist's studio in Ohio.

The grand statue and monument, affectionately called 'the Kozy statue' by locals, celebrates the accomplishments and victories of Thaddeus Kosciuszko, who was considered a hero during the American Revolutionary War and for his native country, Poland. The statue faces to the south on W. Lincoln Ave. and S. 9th Pl, and has been a proud landmark for more than 100 years.

"The Polish community raised more than \$13,000 to hire a talented sculptor to create the statue, and they proudly presented the Kosciuszko Monument to the City of Milwaukee in 1905," said **Alderman José G. Pérez**, who pushed legislation to secure funding for the restoration. "But time and our weather have taken its toll on the monument, and it is in need of extensive repairs. I admire General Kosciuszko very much for his dedication to freedom and social justice, and it is important that we preserve the monument for at least another 100 years or more."

WHAT: Loading of Kosciuszko Monument on truck

WHEN: Tuesday, February 12, 2013 @ 1:00 p.m.

WHERE: Kosciuszko Park at S. 9th Pl. & W. Lincoln Ave.

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