

STATE DOCUMENT



EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 357

Relating to Designation of a Valued Historical Landmark and an Architectural Masterpiece

WHEREAS, Holy Hill has been an important element of the culture of Southeastern Wisconsin since 1857; and

WHEREAS, the dominant architectural feature of Holy Hill is the Shrine of Mary, Help of Christians pilgrimage church, designed by Chicago architect Hermann Gaul in the Romanesque Revival style and built between 1926 and 1931; and

WHEREAS, in 1920, a Romanesque-influenced monastery building designed by Milwaukee architect Richard Phillip was constructed at Holy Hill; and

WHEREAS, because the Holy Hill complex is architecturally significant as an assemblage of Romanesque-ecclesiastical buildings, it is listed on the State Register of Historic Places and the National Register of Historic Places; and

WHEREAS, inasmuch as it is located on the highest point in Southeastern Wisconsin, Holy Hill is a landmark in the most literal sense of that word; and

WHEREAS, Holy Hill attracts in excess of a half-million visitors from throughout the world each year; and

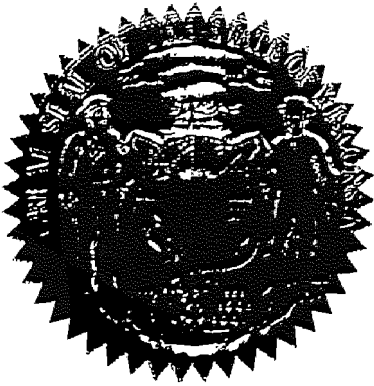
WHEREAS, a cultural and architectural landmark is defined in section 234.935(1) of the Wisconsin Statutes as real property and improvements designated in an Executive Order as a valued historical landmark and an architectural masterpiece; and

WHEREAS, property that is designated a valued historical landmark and an architectural masterpiece pursuant to section 234.935(1) of the Wisconsin Statutes is exempted from general property taxes under section 70.11(35) of the Wisconsin Statutes;


NOW, THEREFORE, I, TOMMY G. THOMPSON, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, by the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of this State, and specifically by section 234.935(1) of the Wisconsin Statutes, do hereby:

1. Find that the Holy Hill complex, as described in the attached plat of survey, is a valued historical landmark;

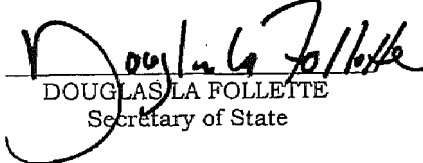
2. Find that the Holy Hill complex, as described in the attached plat of survey, is an architectural masterpiece; and
3. Designate the Holy Hill complex, including all real property and improvements described in the attached plat of survey, as a valued historical landmark and an architectural masterpiece.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this twenty-eighth day of December in the year one thousand nine hundred and ninety-eight.


TOMMY G. THOMPSON
Governor

By the Governor:


DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE
Secretary of State