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## STATEMENT ON REINTERMENT AT MOUNT JACKSON CEMETERY

INDIANAPOLIS – Today the Wayne Township Trustee's Office issued the following statement on reintering remains found at the Diamond Chain site at Mount Jackson Cemetery.

"We are honored to be considered as a final resting place for these ancestors," said Jeff Harris, Director of Communications for Wayne Township. "Mount Jackson is a historically appropriate cemetery for these reinterments. With Keystone's investment, we will not only provide a permanent and dignified final resting place for those from Greenlawn, but we will also restore Mount Jackson Cemetery and raise it up as a historical and cultural community asset."

Founded in 1821, Mount Jackson is one of the city's oldest cemeteries and the final resting place for many early settlers to the area, veterans, and ancestors from all walks of life. It is also historically significant as a formerly segregated cemetery, which aligns it with the history of Greenlawn. After a church associated with Mount Jackson Cemetery closed, the property was abandoned and, per Indiana law, has been maintained by Township Trustee since the 1960s.

While final details between Keystone and the Wayne Township Trustee's Office are being discussed, initial plans call for:

- Remains moved from Greenlawn to be 'nested' in Mount Jackson, in a separate section with signage, landscaping, and a formal memorial noting the history of Greenlawn and those buried there.
- Keystone will make a significant investment in Mount Jackson Cemetery, which will allow for improvements to its grounds, the restoration of headstones, new signage, public art and to address other safety concerns.
- Funds from the purchase of plots at Mount Jackson will go toward creating a perpetual fund to help the Wayne Township Trustee's Office continue to maintain the property into the future.

"Preserving history and telling the stories of our forebearers is important, and we are committed to doing that," added Harris. "We look forward to working with Keystone and the entire community to gather input on ways to best restore Mount Jackson and to memorialize Greenlawn Cemetery."

Located on Indianapolis' west side, Wayne Township is home to nearly 150,000 residents, vibrant neighborhoods, hundreds of businesses and important assets like the Indianapolis Motor Speedway and the Indianapolis International Airport. The Wayne Township Trustee's Office offers numerous programs and services to assist residents facing difficult situations and also oversees the Wayne Township Fire Department. For more information on the Wayne Township Trustee's Office, visit [www.WayneTwp.org](http://www.WayneTwp.org)

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