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CORRECTED NEWS RELEASE

Previous version mistakenly said Senator Bernie Sanders would speak at this event. He will not.

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Dubuque Hosting Annual Meeting of Mississippi River Communities’ Mayors, Sept. 15-17

DUBUQUE, Iowa -- Dubuque will host the fourth annual Mississippi River Cities & Towns Initiative (MRCTI) Organizational Meeting next week. The meeting will be held from Sept. 15-17 and is expected to draw approximately 100 attendees, including 25 mayors of communities along the Mississippi River.

The theme of the annual meeting is “The Mississippi River: America’s Original Main Street.” The event will be held at the Grand River Center and Hotel Julien and will feature presentations on a variety of issues important to Mississippi River communities and will include tours of Dubuque’s Bee Branch Creek Watershed Flood Mitigation Project, Historic Millwork District, National Mississippi River Museum and Aquarium, and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers’ Lock and Dam 11.

Confirmed speakers for the event include U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Mississippi Valley Commander Major General Michael Wehr, Former Maryland Governor Martin O’Malley, Living Lands and Waters Founder Chad Pregracke, Director and Regional Representative of the United Nations Environment Programs Regional Office for North America Patricia Beneke, and World Food Prize Foundation President and Former U.S. Ambassador to Cambodia Kenneth Quinn.

Dubuque Mayor Roy D. Buol and Memphis Mayor A.C. Wharton are co-chairs of the MRCTI. The MRCTI was created to be a new, influential, and independent voice for the Mississippi River, dramatically increasing demand for effective river protection, restoration and management. The MRCTI addresses matters of concern, including: river water quality and habitat restoration; state coordination around river management and improvement; more impactful water conservation measures; sustainable economies; and celebration of the river culture and history. For more information, visit www.mrcti.org.

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