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**SENT VIA FAX & U.S. MAIL
(231) 627-6351**

City Manager Stuart
Cheboygan City Hall
403 North Huron St
Cheboygan MI 49721

Re: URGENT: Formal Request to Post Solstice Display

Dear Mr. Stuart:

Our organization, which works to protect the constitutional principle of separation between state and church, would like to participate in the holiday displays erected at Washington Park in Cheboygan. We have attempted to contact you several times this week but have had no success in speaking with you.

On behalf of our organization and Cheboygan area residents who are members of the Freedom of Religion Foundation, I would like to formally request permission to erect a display in Washington Park next to the nativity scene. I request the sign be displayed from December 17th – December 31st, 2012.

The display is an attractive banner and the dimensions are 7 ½ x 3 feet, which will be affixed to a stand or stakes. It reads as follows:

“At this season of the Winter Solstice, Let reason prevail. There are no gods, no devils, no angels, no heaven or hell. There is only our natural world. Religion is but myth and superstition that hardens hearts & enslaves minds.”

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We understand that you are the person to contact about this matter. If there is a formal written application and/or procedure we must follow, please advise. Thank you for your time and attention to this matter. I look forward to your prompt reply.

Sincerely,



Annie Laurie Gaylor
Co-President