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Mrs. Elisabeth Ruffner
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Dear Mrs. Ruffner,

It is my great pleasure to inform you that the Arizona State Historic Preservation Office has established a new annual award for leadership in Arizona communities and would like to name the award in your honor. The **Elisabeth Ruffner Keystone Award for Community Leadership** will be presented at the annual State Historic Preservation Conference to an individual from the host community whose leadership has enabled preservation to thrive in their community. The official description of the award is as follows:

"The Elisabeth Ruffner Keystone Award for Community Leadership honors individuals whose commercial, political, philanthropic, artistic, planning, or advocacy efforts have contributed to their communities' quality of life, sense of place, and heritage appreciation. In construction, the keystone connects and stabilizes the whole, providing necessary support and strength. The Keystone Award recognizes community leaders whose motivation and passion have fostered the resources and connections necessary for preservation to thrive within their communities. The award's namesake, Elisabeth Ruffner, is a tireless advocate for historic preservation who has devoted her public life to enhancing her hometown of Prescott, AZ. This award honors Arizonans who likewise have made their homes better places, enhanced civic identity, and become indispensable keystones of their communities. The award is presented annually at the Arizona State Historic Preservation Office's Statewide Conference to an individual from the host community, celebrating their achievements alongside the communities they have served.

The State Historic Preservation Office would like your permission to dedicate this award to you and would also like to honor you as the first recipient of the award at the upcoming SHPO conference in Prescott this June 12th-14th.

Your leadership in the preservation of Prescott is an example we would like Arizona's preservation community to remember and celebrate every year. Your many years of service protecting and preserving Arizona's heritage are deserving of memorialization, and we sincerely hope you will accept this honor. On behalf of the State of Arizona, thank you for all that you have done as a leader in the field of historic preservation.

Regards,

Kathryn Leonard
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