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**City of Gardiner, Maine
Preserve America Grant Application**

WHEREAS, Preserve America is a White House initiative developed in cooperation with the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, the US Department of the Interior, and the US Department of Commerce; and

WHEREAS, the goals of this initiative include a greater shared knowledge about our Nation's past, strengthened regional identities and local pride, increased local participation in preserving the country's irreplaceable cultural and natural heritage assets, and support for the economic vitality of communities, and

WHEREAS, the City of Gardiner was designated a Preserve America community in October of 2005; and

WHEREAS, the Gardiner City Council will protect and celebrate our heritage, use our historic assets for economic development and community revitalization, and encourage people to experience and appreciate local historic resources through education and heritage tourism programs; and

WHEREAS, Johnson Hall is an important building within the downtown historic district where cultural activities take place, helping to preserve the community's heritage through the performing arts; and

WHEREAS, Johnson Hall is a local and regional economic resource, and

WHEREAS, the Gardiner City Council supports planning efforts to renovate Johnson Hall to further revitalize a historic downtown district, promote cultural heritage programs within the performing arts, and provide economic development while preserving a valuable historic building, and

WHEREAS, the Gardiner City Council supports an application for \$150,000 in Preserve America funding in support of the above mentioned goals and will seek to commit \$150,000 in matching funds.

Signed this 16th day of December, 2005

Jeffrey D. Kobrock
City Manager