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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

1849 C Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20240

March 18, 2011

Mr. Robert A. Graham, CD Director
City of Albert Lea
221 E. Clark Street
Albert Lea, MN 56007

PROPERTY: Albert Lea State Bank Building, 201 S. Broadway Avenue, Albert Lea, MN
PROJECT NUMBER: 25736

Dear Mr. Graham:

The National Park Service has determined that the subject property contributes to the significance of the Albert Lea Commercial historic district. The building at 201 S. Broadway Avenue, along with its site and environment, contributes to the historic district with character defining features that include, but are not necessarily limited to, the historic features identified and described in the application. This determination is made in response to the Historic Preservation Certification Application -- Part 1 submitted to this office, and this property is therefore considered a "certified historic structure".

As you plan your rehabilitation, we strongly recommend that you review the Preservation Briefs and other preservation-related information provided online by NPS at <http://www.nps.gov/history/hps/tps/tax/index.htm> to help you plan a successful rehabilitation that will preserve the historic character of this building/site/complex and will meet the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation. The National Park Service also strongly encourages applicants to submit the Part 2 -- Description of Rehabilitation - prior to beginning work, in order to ensure conformance with the Standards.

Obtaining "certified historic structure" status is the first step in qualifying for maximum tax benefits under Federal Laws. These benefits apply only to structures that have either undergone or are about to undergo rehabilitation that can be certified in accordance with the Secretary of the Interior's "Standards for Rehabilitation."

If you have any questions regarding your Part I application, please call the State Historic Preservation Office or me at 202-354-2278.

Sincerely,

Roger Reed, Historian
National Register of Historic Places

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PROPERTY: **Henry J. Ham Jewelry Store, 211 S. Broadway Avenue, Albert Lea, MN**
PROJECT NUMBER: **25738**

Dear Mr. Graham:

The National Park Service has determined that the subject property contributes to the significance of the Albert Lea Commercial historic district. The building at 211 S. Broadway Avenue, along with its site and environment, contributes to the historic district with character defining features that include, but are not necessarily limited to, the exterior of the building with its Art Nouveau-influenced terra cotta façade that frames original window and storefront openings. This determination is made in response to the Historic Preservation Certification Application -- Part 1 submitted to this office, and this property is therefore considered a "certified historic structure".

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