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**STATEMENT FROM KENT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONER CHAIR JIM SAALFELD AND
KENT COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR WAYMAN BRITT ON THE PASSING OF RICH DEVOS**

“Today we lost one of West Michigan’s biggest supporters and cheerleaders in Rich DeVos. His vision and generosity shaped our community. From the Amway Grand Plaza Hotel and the JW Marriott, to the DeVos Center he was a driving force that led the renaissance of downtown Grand Rapids and the quality of life in Kent County. He and his family also supported the development of the County’s Millennium Park as well as the Gerald R. Ford International Airport. Not only did he create physical landmarks, but he cared about people and supported so many local agencies and educational institutions. His heart was large and his smile infectious. We will miss him. Our condolences to the entire DeVos family.”

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