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President Hines' Statement On The Inaugural Ceremony For President Obama

Milwaukee Common Council President Willie L. Hines, Jr. is preparing to return to Milwaukee tonight from his visit to Washington, D.C., for the inauguration of President Barack Obama. He witnessed the historic ceremony first hand from the National Mall.

"This is obviously an enormously significant day in our nation's history, as our federal government has sworn in the first African-American President of the United States," said Hines. "For me personally, to be here among the millions of citizens who traveled to see the ceremony in person, it was an exhilarating experience. I take special note of the fact that people of all ethnic, religious and economic backgrounds have given their support to our new president. He is not only a national leader for African Americans, but for all of us."

President Hines pointed out that Barack Obama's ascent to the presidency was a remarkable thing for Americans to behold. "From the announcement of his candidacy in Springfield, Illinois, to his numerous visits to Milwaukee, to the powerful speech he gave today in Washington, I am grateful to have witnessed the inspiring rise of Barack Obama," he said. "Just as importantly, I look forward to supporting him as president."

"I know that President Obama and Vice President Biden will need our prayers and support as they embark on a truly difficult journey. We must all ask ourselves what we can do to make this an even greater nation and to make Milwaukee a better city."