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Local Museums Find Creative Ways to Celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the Passage of the 19th Amendment with Virtual Events, Online Exhibits & More

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (August 21, 2020) – Sacramento area museums are proud and excited to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the passage of the 19th Amendment in 2020, which guarantees and protects women's constitutional right to vote. Although most museums remain closed due to COVID-19 restrictions (except for some outdoor activations), many planned exhibits have pivoted to a digital format, at least in the short-term.

A sampling of some of the special activations being offered by local area museums to recognize the significance of the 100th anniversary of the passage of the 19th Amendment includes the following:

- **California Museum** – The California Museum is honoring the 19th Amendment's 100th anniversary through a series of new online programs developed in collaboration with First Partner Jennifer Siebel Newsom, the state's official representative in the Women's Suffrage Centennial Commission. On August 18 – 100 years to the day Tennessee became the 36th and final state to ratify the 19th Amendment – the museum streamed the webcast "California Women Inspire: Celebrating Women's Equality in the Golden State." Hosted by First Partner Siebel Newsom, the event featured discussions on women's equality with former First Lady Maria Shriver, Megan Rapinoe and Dolores Huerta, along with previews of the Museum's two new exhibits marking the women's vote centennial, "Women Inspire: California Women Changing Our World" and "Fight for the Right: 100 Years of Women Voting." The webcast may be viewed online at www.californiamuseum.org/ca-women, and selections from "Women Inspire: California Women Changing Our World" are available at www.californiamuseum.org/wi-online. On August 26, the museum will launch an online version of "Fight for the Right: 100 Years of Women Voting" at www.californiamuseum.org/womens-vote-100-online and participate in #ForwardIntoLight, a nationwide initiative celebrating the suffrage centennial by lighting landmarks, buildings and institutions in purple, yellow and gold. For more details on the campaign, please visit www.womensvote100.org/forwardintolight.

California State Railroad Museum – The California State Railroad Museum & Foundation are proud to debut a new digital exhibit titled “Crossing Lines: Women of the American Railroad.” The compelling exhibit shares stories about the lives and roles of trailblazing women associated with the railroad industry. The goals of the all-new exhibit are for online visitors to gain a heightened appreciation for the role of women railroad workers, and also experience a sense of empowerment and inspiration based on the considerable contributions women made to the railroad industry and society in general. Available digitally for now, the important new exhibit will remain on display permanently once the museum reopens for visitors. To view the digital experience, please visit www.californiarailroad.museum/crossing-lines.

- **Sacramento History Museum** – To recognize the milestone, the Sacramento History Museum recently launched “Museum Mondays” to celebrate 100 years of women's right to vote. On Monday, August 24, at 3 p.m. a reading of "Marching with Aunt Susan: Susan B. Anthony and the Fight for Women's Suffrage" will take place on the museum's Facebook page. To tune in to the special reading, please visit www.facebook.com/SacramentoHistoryMuseum/. Plus, the History Museum created hands-on videos about how to make a paper or ribbon rosette (also known as political lapel pins of yesteryear) used to show patriotism, support the troops, stand for a cause, show rank, or declare loyalty through the use of different colors, shapes, and emblems. The demo videos are available at www.youtube.com/watch?v=7vPo-884UKU and www.youtube.com/watch?v=51uKi1f-8ik.

For more information about upcoming activities offered by Sacramento area museums, “like” them on Facebook at www.Facebook.com/SacMuseums, follow them on Instagram and Twitter @SacMuseums or visit the user-friendly website at www.SacMuseums.org. Those interested can also sign up for emails to learn more about your Sacramento Area Museums via the website at www.sacmuseums.org.

About Sacramento Area Museums (SAM)

Comprised of 30 greater Sacramento area museums working in partnership with Visit Sacramento, SAM's mission is to raise awareness of local museums by giving the community the opportunity to discover the region's fine art, history, science, and wildlife treasures. SAM achieves its mission through implementing cooperative promotions and developing strategic marketing alliances, by encouraging sharing of knowledge and resources among its partner institutions. For more information, visit www.SacMuseums.org.

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