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## Family Program – Hooray for Independence Day!

**Wilmington, DE** – Celebrate Caesar Rodney's important role in Delaware's declaration of independence from British authority with an afternoon of fun family activities at the Delaware History Museum on Saturday, July 8, 2017 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Families are invited to relive Caesar Rodney's exciting nighttime ride to Philadelphia during story time featuring the children's book, *Caesar Rodney's Ride: The Story of an American Patriot* by Jan Cheripko. Children can learn how to drill like a continental soldier and make a 4<sup>th</sup> of July theme craft.

Guests are welcome to further explore the history of the First State by touring *Delaware: One State, Many Stories*, a comprehensive exhibition presented in a complementary dual format. *Discover Delaware* introduces a general overview of the state's history from the 1600s to the present. *Journey to Freedom* features the history of African Americans, from the first known African brought to Delaware by the Swedes in the 1600s called "Black Anthony," to Delaware Poets Laureate, brothers Nnamdi Chukwuocha and Al Mills.

Program included with admission. Adults \$6.00; Seniors (65+)/Military/Student (with i.d.) \$5.00; Children (3-18) \$4.00. Free on street parking.

## **About the Delaware Historical Society**

The Delaware Historical Society owns and operates the Delaware History Museum; the Jane and Littleton Mitchell Center for African American Heritage; a nationally recognized Research Library; Old Town Hall; Willingtown Square, four 18th-century houses surrounding a picturesque urban courtyard located in downtown Wilmington; and the National Historic Landmark Read House & Gardens located in New Castle. For more information, call (302) 655-7161, email deinfo@dehistory.org, or visit www.dehistory.org.

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