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**THE DELAWARE HISTORICAL SOCIETY JOINS DOZENS OF ORGANIZATIONS
AROUND THE COUNTRY ENDORSING VALUES OF HISTORY RELEVANCE**

Urges History Fans to Support Effort with #HistoryRelevance Social Media Campaign

Wilmington, DE March 15, 2017 ð The Delaware Historical Society today joins more than 100 historical organizations around the country to endorse the History Relevance Value Statement and declare the importance of teaching and learning history.

To celebrate, the Delaware Historical Society is urging history fans to post a selfie of themselves enjoying their favorite historical spot, and use the hashtag #HistoryRelevance.

The Value Statement is comprised of seven distinct tenets delineating critical ways the study of history is essential to individuals, communities, and our shared future. The full Value Statement can be found at <https://www.historyrelevance.com/value-statement>.

Endorsement of the Value Statement sends a positive message to raise the value of history in American society and help history organizations of all kinds to better articulate the value of history with a common language. History studies create a sense of awareness and identity, cultivate critical thinking and analytical skills, and lay the groundwork for empowered communities. They preserve the past and spark inspiration for the future.

ðThe Delaware Historical Society is pleased to join some 150 of its peer organizations in endorsing the History Relevance Value Statement. Through its mission-based programs, the Delaware Historical Society has a laser focus on imparting the value and relevance of history to contemporary society. Historical context enables people to make sense of the present, and thus to be better informed on matters that affect them,ð stated Scott W. Loehr, CEO of the Delaware Historical Society.

History Relevance comprises over 150 organizations around the world, from the Smithsonian Institution and National Archives to historical societies and archivists; associations and nonprofits; and museums, trusts, estates, and local institutions. The Value Statement is endorsed by organizations that promote and encourage a sense of awareness, identity, and interconnectivity in a multicultural world through history-driven courses of study.

We are thrilled with the Delaware Historical Society's endorsement in our Values Statement," said Tim Grove, History Relevance spokesperson. "History — including knowledge as well as the processes of research and reflection — is critically important to our society, culture, and the individual citizens who live it each and every day."

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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 Read House & Gardens, a National Historic Landmark. For more information, call (302) 655-7161, email deinfo@dehistory.org or visit www.dehistory.org

About History Relevance

History Relevance seeks to foster a dialogue regarding how study of the past links people to the present. The group serves as a catalyst for discovering, demonstrating, and promulgating the value of history for individuals, communities, and the nation. We believe that history can have more impact when it connects the people, events, places, stories, and ideas of the past with people, events, places, stories, and ideas that are important and meaningful to communities, people, and audiences today. For more information, visit www.historyrelevance.com.