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Hampton Convention & Visitor Bureau Hosts Open House In Honor of National Tourism Week May 7

--Event to take place at the Hampton History Museum & Visitor Center--

HAMPTON, VA- Join the Hampton Convention & Visitor Bureau on Tuesday, May 7 for a special Open House in honor of National Travel and Tourism Week. The event will take place 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., at the Hampton History Museum & Visitor Center.

Throughout the day, representatives from the Hampton Convention & Visitor Bureau will be on-hand to share information about Hampton's tourism success and the upcoming 2019 Commemoration events. The Open House will also include special exhibits and displays from the museum, including table top displays promoting the 2019 Commemoration, Hampton Heritage Day, Remembrance Day, and more; an interactive interpretive station on "Piracy and the Colonial Economy;" as well as artifacts from the "Hampton One-Design" exhibit opening June 28.

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As part of the Open House, a 90-minute driving tour highlighting Hampton Heritage sites with emphasis on the 2019 Commemoration will be offered at 10:00 a.m. and again at 1:30 p.m. Sites on the driving tour include Fort Monroe National Monument, Hampton University, Tucker Family Cemetery, and Aberdeen Gardens. Brief stops will be made at historical markers during the 90 minutes.

Those planning to attend the event should reply with their estimated time of arrival at the event by calling 757-728-5332 or by emailing lonks@hamptoncvb.com. Refreshments will be served for the duration of the event.

National Travel and Tourism Week

This year the United States travel community will celebrate the 36th Annual National Travel and Tourism Week, May 5-11, by spotlighting the value travel holds for our economy, businesses, and personal well-being. This year's theme, "Travel Matters", showcases travel's contributions to economic growth and American jobs. Travel generated \$2.5 trillion for the U.S. economy in 2018 across all U.S. industries.

Hampton Convention & Visitor Bureau

The Hampton CVB is a department of the City of Hampton charged with increasing tax revenue attributed to visitor spending. The Hampton CVB markets Hampton tourism and convention product to meeting planners, sports events, business travelers, motorcoach operators, and leisure visitors.

2019 Commemorative Commission

The mission of the 2019 Commemorative Commission is to promote the history of the first Africans in the new world and to plan events leading up to a yearlong remembrance-commemoration program in 2019. In 2019, join the global commemoration of the 400th anniversary of four pivotal happenings in English North America's Virginia colony: the arrival of the first Africans, the arrival of women, convening of the first General Assembly, and celebration of the first Thanksgiving. The First African Arrival occurred

at Point Comfort in 1619, present site of national monument Fort Monroe in present-day Hampton, Virginia.

Hampton History Museum & Visitor Center

The Hampton History Museum & Visitor Center is located at 120 Old Hampton Lane in Downtown Hampton. There is free parking in the garage across the street from the museum.

Partially bordered by the Hampton Roads harbor and Chesapeake Bay, Hampton, with the 344,000 sq. ft. Hampton Roads Convention Center and the award-winning Hampton Coliseum, is located in the center of Coastal Virginia and the Hampton Roads metropolitan area. Hampton is the site of America's first continuous English-speaking settlement, the site of the first arrival of Africans in English North America, and is home to such visitor attractions as the Virginia Air & Space Center, Fort Monroe National Monument, Hampton History Museum, harbor tours and cruises, Hampton University Museum, The American Theatre, among others.

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