Press Release – Monday, June 8, 2020

From: The Wichita-Sedgwick County Historical Museum, 204 S. Main

For Immediate Release: Reopening to the public June 23rd

The Museum reopens to the public Tuesday, June 23rd resuming its normal hours of operation. Masks required in building. Alterations to the physical environment and enhanced sanitation will be in place to address health precautions. Reservations made 24 hours in advance are recommended to guarantee admission due to capacity restrictions. Please call 265-9314 or email tours@wichitahistory.org.

The Museum celebrates its 81st year and occupies all 4 floors of the 1890 City Hall topped by a 170-foot tower clock tower. Accredited by the American Alliance of Museums, it features dozens of exhibits exploring local history. These include:

Introduction to your Museum of Local History – Davis Welcome Gallery Remembering the Years – Civic Anniversary Celebrations Through the Years Conquering Distance – By Travel and Communication A Wichita Boy - a Study of a Boy's Life During the Great Depression Boy and the Boot – Riverside Park Feature Standing Up by Sitting In - the student protest for civil rights at the Dockum Drug Store The Art of C.A. Seward Prairie Printmaker of Sedgwick County – Art Exhibit Decorative Art Exhibits (5): Cut Glass, American Art Glass, Stueben Glass of Local Significance, Milk Glass, American Silver Plate. Blackbear Bosin, His Art and the "Keeper of the Plains" A Child's World – Life as a Child Through History Drug Store, circa 1927 (an immersive exhibit) Magic City Exhibit (examining our area's first 50 years) The Victorian Cottage (an immersive exhibit) In Mourning Spirit of Wichita Exhibit (local history 1912-1939) The Jones Six automobile – Wichita's Automobile of a Century Ago The Mayor's Office 1892 (the actual room/location restored to period appearance)

Special Exhibit: Vintage Pedal Cars "Metal to the Pedal – the Guenthner Collection"

Hours and Admission Charge: T-F 11am-4pm, Sat. & Sun. 1-5pm Adults \$5 Children \$2

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The Historical Museum is supported in part by The City of Wichita & The Sedgwick County Kansas Board of Commissioners.

OUR VISION: To provide a world class Museum experience, advancing the understanding and exploration of the rich historical and cultural heritage of Wichita and Sedgwick County Kansas.