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**CALL FOR PRESENTERS FOR 18TH ANNUAL
AFRICAN AMERICAN CULTURAL CELEBRATION**

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE – The 18th Annual African American Cultural Celebration will be one of the largest events in 2019 at the N.C. Museum of History in Raleigh. The museum announces that it is accepting applications, now available online, for this popular festival to be held Saturday, Jan. 26, 2019, from 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The event’s theme will be *Culture, Kinship, and Community: The Ties that Bind*.

Artists, filmmakers, authors, scholars, musicians and performers can submit applications **through Monday, Sept. 15, 2018**, to be considered for the 18th Annual African American Cultural Celebration. Selection criteria and applications can be downloaded from the museum’s website [HERE](#).

Be a part of this family-friendly celebration that was named a “**Top 20 Event**” 3 years in a row by the Southeast Tourism Society. The festival, presented in partnership with the N.C. African American Heritage Commission, is the statewide kickoff to Black History Month.

For more information about the African American Cultural Celebration and the N.C. Museum of History, a Smithsonian-affiliated museum, call 919-807-7900 or access ncmuseumofhistory.org or follow on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, or YouTube.

About the NC Museum of History, a Smithsonian Affiliate

The NC Museum of History is located at 5 E. Edenton Street in downtown Raleigh. Hours are Monday through Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday, noon to 5 p.m. The museum collects and preserves artifacts of North Carolina history and educates the public on the history of the state and the nation through exhibits and educational programs. Each year more than 400,000 people visit the museum to see some of the 150,000 artifacts in the museum collection. The Museum of History, within the Division of State History Museums, is part of the NC Department of Natural and Cultural Resources.

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About the NC Department of Natural and Cultural Resources

The NC Department of Natural and Cultural Resources (NCDNCR) is the state agency with a vision to be the leader in using the state’s natural and cultural resources to build the social, cultural, educational and economic future of North Carolina. NCDNCR’s mission is to improve the quality of life in our state by creating opportunities to experience excellence in the arts, history, libraries and nature in North Carolina

by stimulating learning, inspiring creativity, preserving the state's history, conserving the state's natural heritage, encouraging recreation and cultural tourism, and promoting economic development.

NCDNCR includes 27 historic sites, seven history museums, two art museums, two science museums, three aquariums and Jennette's Pier, 39 state parks and recreation areas, the NC Zoo, the nation's first state-supported Symphony Orchestra, the State Library, the State Archives, the NC Arts Council, State Preservation Office and the Office of State Archaeology, along with the Division of Land and Water Stewardship. For more information, please call 919-807-7300 or visit www.ncdcr.gov.

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