FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE – Ken Howard, Director of the North Carolina Museum of History, is proud to announce that today the museum is receiving a replica 1902 Wright Glider previously housed in the Wright Brothers Memorial Visitor Center at Kitty Hawk.

The replica 1902 Wright Glider is replacing the replica 1903 Wright Flyer, which has been on loan to the museum during the renovation of the Wright Brothers Memorial Visitor Center at Kitty Hawk. The Wright Flyer is now being returned to the National Park Service to undergo conservation before it is re-installed in the renovated Visitor Center this fall.

The replica 1902 Wright Glider will hang in the lobby as part of the museum's exhibit on the Wright Brothers. The 1902 Glider and its successful design and flight was the prelude to the successful powered flight of the subsequent 1903 Wright Flyer. With the new renovation, the National Park Service no longer has room to house both aircraft in the Visitor Center so they are providing the replica 1902 Glider to the museum on a long-term loan.

“The Museum is grateful to the National Park Service for the opportunity to display the replica 1903 Wright Flyer for the public to see,” said Howard. “The Museum look forwards to the display of the replica 1902 Wright Glider to help tell the remarkable story of the Wright Brothers and their experience in North Carolina.”

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.

For information about the NC Museum of History, call 919-807-7900 or access ncmuseumofhistory.org or follow on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Google+ or YouTube.

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