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***The Bill of Rights and You*—Limited Time Pop-Up Exhibit**

CONCORD, NH—For the months of January and February, the New Hampshire Historical Society is hosting a pop-up exhibition from the National Archives, ***The Bill of Rights and You***, commemorating the 225th anniversary of the ratification of this landmark document. *The Bill of Rights and You* spotlights one of the most remarkable periods in American history, explores the origins of the first ten amendments to the U.S. Constitution (collectively known as the Bill of Rights), illustrates how each amendment protects U.S. citizens, and looks at how Americans exercise the rights outlined in the amendments. *The Bill of Rights and You* invites visitors to connect directly with the people, places, and events that mark this historic document's evolution. This exhibit runs through February 28, 2017.

The Bill of Rights and You co-curator Jennifer Johnson states: "The Bill of Rights represents the Founder's vision that it would be the people, through votes, that could change the Constitution with enough consensus. And when the people desired a Bill of Rights, our first ten amendments were added to our governing charter."

The National Archives distributed close to 2,000 such pop-up exhibits across the United States. The one on display at the New Hampshire Historical Society is the only exhibition scheduled for the Granite State.

Access to the exhibit is included in the Society's regular admission price of \$7 per person, with Society members and children 18 and under admitted for free. The Society currently has three other exhibitions on display, including *Discovering New Hampshire*, *White Mountains in the Parlor: The Art of Bringing Nature Indoors*, and *Revealing Relationships: Portraits of New Hampshire Friends and Family*. All three explore the rich history of the Granite State, from an Abenaki dug-out canoe to the exploits of John Stark to the grandeur of the White Mountains. Exhibitions are open to the public Tuesday to Saturday, 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., at the Society's headquarters at 30 Park Street, Concord, NH.

The Bill of Rights and You is organized by the National Archives and Records Administration, and traveled by the National Archives Traveling Exhibits Service (NATES). This exhibition was developed in collaboration with the National Archives' National Outreach Initiative to commemorate the 225th Anniversary of the Bill of Rights. The exhibition is presented in part by AT&T, Seedlings Foundation, and the National Archives Foundation.

Founded in 1823 the New Hampshire Historical Society is an independent, nonprofit organization dedicated to saving, preserving, and sharing New Hampshire history. The Society serves thousands of children and adults each year through its exhibitions, research library, educational programs, and award-winning publications. The Society is not a state-funded agency. All of its programs and services are made possible by membership dues and contributions. For more information about the Society and the benefits of membership, visit www.nhhistory.org or call 603-228-6688.

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