Dear friends of the Seaport,

Black lives matter.

Independence Seaport Museum stands with our Black community in Philadelphia, across the country, and around the world. This week, we are pausing our programming to listen, to reflect, and to develop a plan to more meaningfully contribute to the conversation about systemic racism and police brutality in our community and in our country.

We acknowledge that museums are part of the systemic problem of which narratives are amplified and which are muted. Museums have a powerful platform in how content is provided to the public, curating which stories are or are not told and which artifacts are or are not shared.

With our voice, we choose to listen. With our power, we choose to change. With our content, we choose to do better.

Sincerely,

The Independence Seaport Museum team