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INDEPENDENCE SEAPORT MUSEUM SELECTED TO PARTICIPATE IN COLLECTIONS ASSESSMENT FOR PRESERVATION PROGRAM

Philadelphia, PA | November, 29, 2021 – [Independence Seaport Museum](#) (ISM) announced that it is one of 98 institutions in the United States selected to participate in the [Collections Assessment for Preservation \(CAP\)](#) program. The Philadelphian museum will receive \$7,200 to assess the care and preservation of one of the largest collections of maritime art and artifacts in North America.

CAP helps museums improve the care of their collections by providing support for a general conservation assessment of the museum's collections and buildings. The Museum will work with a team of preservation professionals to identify preventive conservation priorities. The final assessment report will help the museum prioritize its collections care efforts in the coming years.

"Independence Seaport Museum is very excited to receive this funding," said Peter S. Seibert, ISM's President & CEO. "With such a large and extensive collection, we are looking forward to learning ways to improve upon our current standards of care so that we can continue to preserve these treasures."

The CAP program is administered by the Foundation for Advancement in Conservation through a cooperative agreement with the Institute of Museum and Library Services.

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About the Independence Seaport Museum

Independence Seaport Museum increases the awareness, knowledge, and experience of our waterways by highlighting the important role of the Delaware River through direct contact with our collections, exhibits, and the water. Our boating programs provide direct access to recreation and the scientific study of the water from the standpoints of biology and physics, while art is used to represent the importance of competing uses of the river. Through our historic ships, Cruiser *Olympia* and Submarine *Becuna*, we provide the ideal platform for examining the interaction of society and water over our nation's history. Our educational student outreach programs ensure generational awareness of the museum's mission. October 25, 2021, marks the Centennial Anniversary of Cruiser *Olympia's* 16-day journey to bring the American Unknown Soldier from World War I from France to the Washington Navy Yard. We will be honoring this significant milestone throughout the year by sharing stories, presenting programming, hosting discussions, and premiering digital content. Learn more about the Independence Seaport Museum at phillyseaport.org.

About the Foundation for Advancement in Conservation

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