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Heritage Square Releases Land Acknowledgement

Phoenix, AZ, Oct. 10, 2022 – Today the Heritage Square Foundation, the 501c-3 nonprofit organization that runs Rosson House Museum and manages the historic buildings at Heritage Square in downtown Phoenix, has released a land acknowledgement statement – a custom dating back centuries for many Native American communities. We recognize this statement is an important step in creating collaborative, accountable, and respectful relationships with Indigenous nations and communities. Our land acknowledgement is as follows:

“The Heritage Square Foundation respectfully acknowledges the City of Phoenix – including the land that is now called Heritage Square – is located within the homeland of the O’Odham and Piipaash peoples and their ancestors, who have inhabited this landscape from time immemorial to present day. The landscape is sacred and reflects cultural values central to the O’Odham and Piipaash way of life and their self-definition. This acknowledgement demonstrates our commitment to work in partnership with the Ancestral Indigenous communities to foster understanding, appreciation, and respect for this heritage.

The Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community (SRP-MIC) and the Gila River Indian Community (GRIC) claim aboriginal title (Original Indian Title) to lands exclusively used and occupied by the Akimel O’Odham and Piipaash equating 3,751,000 acres of South-Central Arizona. Ancestral O’Odham settlements are located throughout the entirety of present-day Phoenix. This land continues to be spiritually connected to the O’Odham of the SRP-MIC and the GRIC, both of which are confederations of two unique cultures with their own languages, customs, cultures, religions, and histories. Both the O’Odham and the Piipaash

are oral history cultures and the song culture of these peoples are specifically tied to tangible places. These places can be natural landforms like the mountains that surround our valleys, but they also include archaeological sites because they are part of a cultural landscape associated with specific historic, cultural, and religious values. Those places are tangible reminders to the O'Odham and Piipaash about shared attitudes, goals, and practices that characterize who they are, where they belong, and how they related to each other in the past, continuing today and into the future. The Heritage Square Foundation is committed to honor the vital meaning and intent of this land acknowledgement statement."

About Historic Heritage Square:

Heritage Square is a striking reminder of the city's vibrant Victorian past. Located on Block 14 of the original townsite of Phoenix, the Square dates back to the late 1800s, and the restored Rosson House Museum is its crowning jewel. Heritage Square is operated in conjunction by the Heritage Square Foundation (a 501c-3 non-profit organization) and the City of Phoenix Parks and Recreation Department, and is owned by the City of Phoenix.

About Rosson House Museum:

The Rosson House Museum is a fully restored 1895 Queen Anne Victorian house museum, interpreting the history of Phoenix and Territorial Arizona. Tours of the house include all living areas and offer visitors a glimpse into the lifestyles of early Phoenix families. Admission to the Rosson House Museum is by guided tour only. All tours last approximately 60 minutes.

More Museum Info:

Location: 113 North Sixth Street, Phoenix, AZ 85004

Hours: Rosson House Museum is open for guided tours Thursday-Saturday, 10am to 4pm; Sunday 12pm to 4pm. The last tour each day is at 3pm.

Admission: \$14 adults; \$8 children 5yrs+; Members and children under 5 are free. See current tour discounts on our website (heritagesquarephx.org/rossonhouse/).

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