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WAL-MART TO PROVIDE UNDERWRITING FOR HISTORICAL SOCIETY'S UPCOMING *NEED FOR SPEED* EXHIBIT

Check presentation to be made 11 a.m. Friday, Nov. 7 during KSHS, Inc., Annual Meeting

TOPEKA, KS—The Kansas Historical Society announced that it will receive a \$20,000 donation from Wal-Mart Stores, Inc., to help underwrite the Kansas Museum of History's upcoming exhibit, *The Need for Speed*, featuring photos and artifacts from Kansas automobile history. The check will be presented 11 a.m. Friday, Nov. 7, during the Kansas Historical Society's annual meeting.

"We're thrilled by Wal-Mart's interest in this exhibit," said Kansas Historical Society Executive Director Jennie Chinn. "Their gift will allow us to create interactive elements of our exhibit that would not have been possible without such support. Wal-Mart's generosity will enhance the visitor experience and will give us access to technology we can use in other exhibits for years to come."

"Wal-Mart is committed to giving back to communities we serve. In our experience we can make the greatest impact in our communities by supporting issues and causes that are important to our customers and associates in their own neighborhoods," said Angie Stoner, Wal-Mart Senior Manager of Public Affairs and Government Relations. "We look forward to the partnership with the Kansas Historical Society and working with them to bring this very exciting exhibit to Kansas."

In addition to the presentation of the Wal-Mart gift, several individuals will be recognized at the meeting. Kathleen Holt, Cimarron, will be honored for her service as 2007-2008 KSHS, Inc., president as she passes the gavel to James Logan, Olathe. Don Schepker will be recognized for his service as KSHS, Inc., treasurer from 2002 to present. Dr. John N. Mack, Lawrence, will receive the Edgar Langsdorf Award of Excellence. Anne Hawkins, Vermillion, SD, will be awarded the Edward N. Tihen Historical Publication Award. Cara Burnidge, Tallahassee, FL, and David D. Vail, Manhattan, will receive Alfred M. Landon Historical Research Grants.

The Need for Speed is scheduled to run Aug. 28, 2009 – May 31, 2010, and depicts Kansas' fascination with car culture. A number of early cars were manufactured here, Walter Chrysler was born here, and the National Hot Rod Association held its first national championship in Kansas. President Dwight D. Eisenhower, a Kansas native, championed the interstate highway system, and the first stretch of that interstate was completed here in Kansas. The exhibit will explore the impact of the automobile in Kansas, particularly how it has affected food and entertainment.

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The Kansas Historical Society does not discriminate on the basis of disability in admission to, access to, or operation of its programs. The Historical Society requests prior notification to accommodate individuals with special needs or disabilities.