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LINCOLN RE-ENACTOR, VISIT FROM GOVERNOR SEBELIUS HIGHLIGHTS OF KANSAS DAY CELEBRATION AT KANSAS MUSEUM OF HISTORY

9 a.m. – 3 p.m. Thursday, January 29, 2009 in Topeka

TOPEKA, KS— Students will commemorate the state's 148th birthday 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. Thursday, January 29, 2009, when the Kansas Museum of History presents its Kansas Day celebration. "Mr. Lincoln Comes to Kansas!" is this year's theme, and coincides with the opening of the museum's special exhibit, *Lincoln in Kansas*. Due to construction in the Capitol this year, Governor Kathleen Sebelius will make a special appearance at 10 a.m. at the museum to join the students for the celebration.

The year 2009 marks the bicentennial of Lincoln's birth and 150 years since his visit to Kansas. Students will participate in hands-on activities and see performances that correlate to Kansas curricular standards and focus on Lincoln. Activities include gathering facts about Lincoln, learning about state symbols, scavenger hunts, and studying historic photos to create a timeline.

This year's performers include Lincoln re-enactor Tom Leahy, presenting "Abraham Lincoln Remembered," and African American drummer and storyteller Richard Camara Pitts.

Exhibits focusing on our state's rich heritage and Lincoln will be featured in the Potawatomi Mission and the museum galleries. Craft demonstrators will also be featured in the Main Gallery.

Educators planning to bring a group to Kansas Day at the Museum are asked to register online at kshs.org/teachers/tours/tourform.htm. More information can also be found at kshs.org/teachers/fieldtrips/kansasday/museum.htm.

The Kansas Museum of History is located at 6425 SW 6th Avenue, Topeka, KS 66615; 785-272-8681; kshs.org.

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.

**Please note: Governor Sebelius will not be hosting a public celebration in the Capitol Rotunda on Kansas Day. The public is invited to join her at the Kansas Museum of History.*

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