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o promote an understanding of the life and times of President Woodrow Wilson, his impact on the world, his relevance today and for the future."

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Woodrow Wilson Presidential Library to Offer Free Online Tours and Programs

STAUNTON, VA – Dear Friends,

At the Woodrow Wilson Presidential Library, we care deeply about our community, our country, and our world. While the WWPL remains closed due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we believe we must still do our part to provide enriching educational resources for everyone. This week members of our staff have been busy preparing online resources to host daily live interactive tours of Woodrow Wilson's birthplace and creating online interactive programs on a variety of topics. Beginning on Monday, March 23rd, we will provide these live interactive programs to the public free of charge. A schedule of daily activities is posted on our website at <u>www.woodrowwilson.org</u>. We will continue to provide these resources as long as we are financially able.

The schedule for next week will be as follows:

Monday-Friday at 10:30 a.m. Live interactive tour of Wilson's Birthplace Tuesday March 24 at 2:00 pm "Wilson and the Pandemic" Interactive Program with Curator Andrew Phillips Thursday March 26 at 2:00 pm "Living on the Lawn- the Sheep of the White House" Interactive Program with Director of Education Emily Kilgore Friday March 27 at 2:00 pm "Enslaved Laborers in the Wilson Birthplace" Interactive Tour with Curator Andrew Phillips Complete details on how to register for these programs, and a full calendar of online programs through April is available on our website <u>www.wooodrowwilson.org</u>. or contact

Emily Kilgore at <u>ekilgore@woodrowwilson.org</u>.

The ability to provide these free educational activities would not be possible without the generous support of our friends at The Charles Fund. This support allows us to cover our necessary operating costs, including pay for employees involved in interactive programming. We would also like to thank the donors who have made contributions to support our employees this week. Spring is a busy time of the year for us, and the lost revenue due to closure is devastating to us economically. We are a small nonprofit organization that receives no state or federal operating support, and we are completely dependent on visitor fees, individual donors and grants from foundations such as The Charles Fund.



We are all in this together. During these challenging times, we encourage you to follow all CDC and state guidelines- including physical distancing. History teaches us that we have overcome challenges throughout our nation's past. Let's all do our part now to defeat COVID-19. Sincerely,

Robin von Seldeneck President and CEO

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