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**THE CALIFORNIA MUSEUM
TAKES “CENTRAL” ROLE IN 11th ANNUAL FREE MUSEUM DAY
*Site of Shuttle Hub and Free Parking to Guests***

(Sacramento, CA) -- The California Museum, a member of the Sacramento Area Museums (SAM) will be the central location of the eleventh annual free Museum Day on Saturday, February 7th. The California Museum will continue its role as the shuttle hub for the various routes to other museums throughout the area, and will provide abundant free parking space. The California Museum will be the first point for many visiting families on Saturday.

As families are looking for cost-effective forms of entertainment this winter, the Sacramento Area Museums are expecting the biggest turnout in years, with nearly 90,000 guests throughout the local museums.

- What:** Sacramento Museum Day at The California Museum
At the Museum, guests can find:
- The new and expanded 2008 California Hall of Fame exhibit featuring artifacts and memorabilia for Dorothea Lange, Linus Pauling, Alice Waters, Quincy Jones and many more.
 - Tours of the replica barracks in the *Uprooted!* exhibit, which include family stories of immigration and internment by docents.
 - Hands on activities for kids, including a State Symbol Stamping Station and Origami Station.
 - FREE Parking! - State garage located on 10th Street between P and O Streets!
 - Lunchtime food will be available for sale.

When: Saturday, February 7, 2009
10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., last admission is at 4:00 p.m.

Where: The California Museum for History, Women & the Arts
1020 O Street, (corner of 10th & O Streets) Sacramento, CA
www.californiamuseum.org

FOR MEDIA: Guests start to line up for shuttles around 9:30am. Staff will be on site to assist camera crews and reporters. Great opportunities for interviews, shots of crowds in museums and shuttle “car pooling.”

Sacramento Museum Day 2009 is proudly supported by Umpqua Bank.

PARTICIPATING MUSEUMS for SACRAMENTO MUSEUM DAY 2009:

Aerospace Museum of California - California Foundry History Museum - California State Military Museum - California State Capitol Museum - The California Museum - California State Indian Museum - California State Railroad Museum - Crocker Art Museum - Discovery Museum Science and Space Center - Don and June Salvatori California Pharmacy Museum - Explorit Science Center (Davis) - Fairytale Town - Folsom History Museum - Governor’s Mansion State Historic Park - Heidrick Ag History Center (Woodland) - Leland Stanford Mansion State Historic Park - Museum of Medical History - Old Sacramento Schoolhouse Museum - Old Sacramento State Historic Park - Sacramento Zoo - Sacramento Historic City Cemetery - Sacramento History Museum (formerly Discovery Museum History Center) -- Sojourner Truth Multicultural Arts Museum - Sutter’s Fort State Historic Park - Towe Auto Museum - Wells Fargo History Museum (Old Sacramento location only).

About The California Museum

The California Museum – home of the California Hall of Fame – engages, educates and enlightens people about California’s rich history and its unique contribution to the world through ideas, innovation, art and culture. Through captivating, interactive and innovative experiences, the Museum seeks to inspire men, women and children to dream the California dream and dare to make their mark on history. Open Mon.-Sat. 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sun. Noon-5 p.m.; Adults \$8.50, Students/Seniors (with valid I.D.) \$7, Children 6-13 \$6.00; Free for Children 5 and Younger. Parking is free on the weekends. www.californiamuseum.org.