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CALIFORNIA SCHOOL GARDEN WEEK KICKS-OFF AT THE CALIFORNIA MUSEUM

Secretary Kawamura Launches Official Week of School Gardening Honors The California Museum's California Hall of Fame Inductee-to-Be Alice Waters

(Sacramento, CA) – The California Museum has partnered with the California School Garden Network to kick-off California's official week dedicated to school gardening. Twelve students from a Sacramento school will demonstrate wheelbarrow and windowsill gardening as Secretary of Food and Agriculture A.G. Kawamura, Museum Executive Director Claudia French and other dignitaries will give remarks and make the official first dig of the California School Garden Week.

The event will be in honor of California Hall of Fame inductee-to-be Alice Waters for her pioneering work in developing edible schoolyards throughout the nation. Her work with students, by teaching them about sustainable local produce, cooking skills and healthy eating habits, has been revolutionary in California.

Secretary of Service and Volunteerism Karen Baker will announce that 300 AmeriCorps NCCC volunteers will partner with 20 schools in the Sacramento area to host garden plantings, clean up activities and events to celebrate the success of school gardens across California over ten months.

Funding for the school gardening programs came from Governor Schwarzenegger's California Instructional School Garden program in 2006.

WHEN: Thursday, October 23rd, 2008
2:00 pm

WHERE: The California Museum's Constitution Courtyard
1020 O Street, downtown Sacramento, CA

WHO: Secretary of the Department of Food and Agriculture A.G. Kawamura, Secretary of Service and Volunteerism Karen Baker, The California Museum Executive Director Claudia French, California School Garden Network Executive Director Tim Alderson, and Chez Panisse Foundation Edible Schoolyard Director Marsha Guerrero.

WHAT: Secretary Kawamura, Executive Director French and others will make brief remarks on the celebration of California School Garden Week and will honor California Hall of Fame inductee-to-be Alice Waters. Local students will then demonstrate educational gardening with flowers, vegetables and herbs with transportable gardening materials.

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 Tues.-Sat. 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sun. Noon-5 p.m.; Adults \$7.50, Students/Seniors (with valid I.D.) \$6, Children 6-13 \$5.00; Free for Children 5 and Younger. Parking is free on the weekends. www.CaliforniaMuseum.org.

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