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The Foundation for the National Archives Receives \$100,000 Gift for Capital Campaign

March 4, 2009--Washington, DC - The Foundation for the National Archives announced today that Bingham McCutchen has pledged \$100,000 to be paid over the next five years to the Foundation's capital campaign, the *National Archives Experience*.

The law firm's gift will help the Foundation and the National Archives expand history and civics education initiatives and programming to a new national audience. It also will support ongoing public outreach made possible by the award-winning Digital Vaults website.

"Bingham is honored to partner with the Foundation for the National Archives," said Kenneth Lore, President and Chairman of the Foundation for the National Archives and a partner in Bingham's Washington, D.C. and New York offices. "The work of the Foundation for the National Archives and the National Archives and Records Administration in promoting civic literacy and other educational objectives is very much aligned with Bingham's efforts nationwide to promote educational opportunities. The importance and significance of access of American citizens to federal documents is critical to protecting and preserving our rights as citizens and our very own way of life."

Acting Archivist of the United States Adrienne Thomas said, "Bingham McCutchen is giving the National Archives a wonderful opportunity to reach out beyond its walls, for which we are deeply grateful. We thank the Foundation's new Board President Kenneth Lore, and new Board member and Bingham Chairman Jay Zimmerman for their assistance with this effort. We look forward to providing new educational programs and Internet offerings so that more people can understand our democracy and their place in it."

The *National Archives Experience* has raised \$23.5 million since it was begun in 2003 and has transformed the visitor experience at the National Archives Washington, DC building. The initiative made possible the award-winning Public Vaults permanent exhibition; the Lawrence F. O'Brien Gallery, premiering traveling and topic exhibits; the Boeing Learning Center; the 290-seat William G. McGowan Theater, an important venue for high-profile public programming; the Archives Shop; and the new award-winning Digital Vaults website.

The campaign now aims to reach Americans across the nation with traveling exhibitions, educational programs of the Boeing Learning Center, and the expansion of the interactive website. For more information about the *National Archives Experience*, go to <http://www.archives.gov/nae/>.

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About the Foundation for the National Archives

The Foundation for the National Archives is an independent nonprofit that serves as the private-sector partner of the National Archives in the creation of the *National Archives Experience*, which includes permanent exhibits, educational programs, traveling exhibits, special events and screenings, educational literature, and historical/records-related products and media. The Foundation helps the public understand the importance of the holdings of the National Archives by presenting the depth and diversity of the records through award-winning, interactive educational exhibits and programs. It generates financial and creative support for the *National Archives Experience* from individuals, foundations, and corporations who share a belief in the importance of innovative civics education.