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MUSEUM OFFERS FREE, WEEK-LONG CELEBRATION FOR INDEPENDENCE DAY

CHARLOTTE, N.C., June 16, 2020 – The Charlotte Museum of History will celebrate Independence Day with a week of free digital activities and events starting June 29, including videos featuring the museum’s independence-themed collections, instructions for a make-at-home kid’s craft, and a virtual ringing of the American Freedom Bell.

Typically the museum hosts a large Independence Day celebration for the community, including an Oath & Naturalization Ceremony for new U.S. citizens that is the highlight of the day for many who attend.

“Our free Independence Day event is highly-anticipated and draws hundreds of people annually, more than 500 last year alone,” said Adria Focht, president and CEO of The Charlotte Museum of History. “Sadly we are not able to plan such a large gathering this year. Since we know people look forward to this event, we are bringing the celebration to them at home.”

All the digital activities and events are free and will be available at charlottemuseum.org/digital and on the museum’s social channels. They include:

- Monday, June 29: Check out online resources from the museum that celebrate our nation’s ideals of independence and liberty and provide historical context for the Fourth of July holiday.

- Tuesday, June 30: Explore the museum's vaults in a new online video that features some of the museum's special independence-themed collection items.
- Wednesday, July 1: Watch a ringing of the American Freedom Bell online. It's the largest ground-level bell in the nation and was dedicated at the turn of the millennium.
- Thursday, July 2: Join an independence-themed Lunch & Learn on Zoom. Register online at charlottemuseum.org/events to receive the Zoom link.
- Friday, July 3: Get instructions for a firecracker-themed craft that the whole family can do together using common household items.
- Saturday, July 4: Celebrate the rights and responsibilities of U.S. citizenship by watching a rebroadcast of last year's U.S. Oath & Naturalization Ceremony at the museum.

About The Charlotte Museum of History

The Charlotte Museum of History engages a broad audience in the history of the Charlotte region through the stories of its people, places and events to promote dialogue and historical perspective. The museum is the steward of the Hezekiah Alexander House (ca. 1774) and home site, a site listed on the National Register of Historic Places and the oldest home in Mecklenburg County. To learn more, visit charlottemuseum.org and follow the museum on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) and [Twitter](#).

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