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**Kansas City Museum HVAC Incident & Closure through March 31, 2023**

(Kansas City, Mo.) – The Kansas City Museum had an HVAC water pump malfunction this week that caused some water damage in Corinthian Hall. This incident has prompted the Museum to close through March 31, 2023, to thoroughly investigate the issue and take the time necessary to reinforce all mechanical systems for upcoming enhanced operations like food and beverage and exhibit interactives and media. HVAC is a critical operational system because the Museum strives to have precise temperature and humidity control for the preservation of artifacts and historic buildings on the property.

Kansas City Museum Foundation Board Chair Allen Dillingham explained, “As the Kansas City Museum continues to work diligently on the extensive, multi-staged and multi-year restoration and renovation of the entire property, there will be periods of time when the Museum must close for design, construction, maintenance, and upgrades; however, we will always do our best to give advance notice. While the HVAC incident this week was unforeseen, we see this as an opportunity to review and improve the mechanical systems. We are thankful to our community for its understanding and patience at this time as we work with our dedicated and experienced team of staff and contractors to continue to be responsible stewards of this important cultural asset.”

**BACKGROUND**

Located at 3218 Gladstone Boulevard in the Historic Northeast community of Kansas City, Missouri, the Kansas City Museum is comprised of five original buildings, including the mansion Corinthian Hall, which was built in 1910 by Robert Alexander Long. The estate became a public museum in 1940. The buildings and grounds of the Kansas City Museum are owned by the City of Kansas City, Missouri and fully governed, operated, and managed by the Kansas City Museum Foundation, a 501 (c)(3) nonprofit organization, through a cooperative agreement with the City of Kansas City, Missouri Parks and Recreation Department. The mission of the Kansas City Museum is to preserve, interpret, and celebrate Kansas City through collections, exhibitions, and bold programs that reflect the City’s evolution and spirit, and engage visitors in unfolding stories about Kansas City’s vibrant history, cultural heritage, and pride. The vision is to be a hub of learning, creativity, and collaboration where individuals and communities innovate and inspire engagement and civic unity.

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