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WOMEN'S
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MUSEUM**

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**William Randolph Hearst Foundation Awards Major Grant to
National Women's History Museum to Support Scholarship and Program
Development for Capital Campaign**

Washington, DC (July 12, 2011) – Joan Wages, President & CEO of the National Women's History Museum, announced today that the Hearst Foundation has generously awarded the National Women's History Museum a grant of \$300,000 to support the Museum's capital campaign scholarship, curatorial and program development initiatives. The grant provides funds to convene a series of meetings with scholars and experts of women's history who will collaborate and establish the curatorial and exhibition plans for the Museum. These essential activities are required to plan, design, and build a long overdue national museum dedicated to the history and accomplishments of America's remarkable and resilient women.

The grant was approved in the June 21, 2011 meeting of the Board of Directors of the William Randolph Hearst Foundation. Paul "Dino" Dinovitz, Executive Director of the Hearst Foundations, said: "We are delighted to be partnering with the National Women's History Museum in establishing a permanent home. The leadership team is dedicated to ensuring that the prominent role women have played in forging our nation's past, present, and future are appropriately studied and celebrated in the United States. We see the museum as having a unique relevance and impact amidst the myriad world-class cultural offerings in the Washington, D.C. area."

Joan Wages, President & CEO of the National Women's History Museum, stated: "This grant will enable us to take a major step forward in several key areas as we work to plan and establish a historical foundation for this Museum. A portion of the monies from this grant have already been used for the development of a new Scholarly Advisory Committee, which draws from the expertise of national scholars of women's history."

About the National Women's History Museum

Founded in 1996, the National Women's History Museum (NWHM) is a nonpartisan, nonprofit educational institution dedicated to preserving, interpreting, and celebrating the diverse historic contributions of women, and integrating this rich heritage fully into our nation's history, with Online Exhibits, biographies and educational tools at www.nwhm.org. Legislation is currently underway to purchase federally owned land on which to build the National Women's History Museum. The site will border several of the nation's most iconic museums at the National Mall.

A Coalition of 41 business and professional women's organizations representing eight million members supports NWHM's efforts for a permanent site, along with 50,000 members who have supported the Museum. Meryl Streep is the Museum's spokeswoman and has publicly advocated for building the Museum at the National Mall. NWHM is a 501(c) (3) organization.

About The Hearst Foundation

The Hearst Foundations are national philanthropic resources for organizations and institutions working in the fields of Education, Health, Culture and Social Service. Their goal is to ensure that people of all backgrounds have the opportunity to build healthy, productive and inspiring lives. The charitable goals of the Foundations reflect the philanthropic interests of William Randolph Hearst. The Hearst Foundation, Inc. was founded in 1945 by publisher/philanthropist William Randolph Hearst. In 1948, Mr. Hearst established the California Charities Foundation, renamed the William Randolph Hearst Foundation in 1951. Both Foundations are national private philanthropies operating independently from The Hearst Corporation.

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