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[Insert Your Organization's Name] Participates in Ohio Open Doors

[Your City, OH] – [Your Organization Name] will take part in Ohio Open Doors from Sept. 6-15.

Visitors can discover Ohio's amazing heritage Friday, Sept. 6, through Sunday, Sept. 15, as historic buildings and fascinating places across the state open their doors for tours and events as part of the Ohio History Connection's annual event.

Admission to all Ohio Open Doors events is free. A list of the statewide events and activities is available at <u>ohiohistory.org/opendoors</u>.

"Ohio Open Doors shares stories of important landmarks and interesting sites right in our backyards, highlighting the history and unique nature of some of Ohio's most treasured places," said Diana Welling, Director of the Ohio History Connection's State Historic Preservation Office and State Historic Preservation Officer.

[Explain what your location will be doing during Ohio Open Doors, including the day, date and hours if applicable. Briefly explain its history and what visitors will experience in a 2-3 sentence description.

The Ohio History Connection created Ohio Open Doors in 2016 to promote and inspire pride in Ohio's heritage and to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the National Historic Preservation Act.

Signed by President Lyndon B. Johnson on Oct. 15, 1966, the Act has proven instrumental in transforming communities from coast to coast, establishing the legal framework and incentives to preserve historic buildings, landscapes and archaeological sites. It drives economic revitalization by attracting investment, supporting small business, stabilizing neighborhoods and creating jobs. [Can cut this graph for space.]

Ohio Open Doors partner organizations include the Ohio Arts Council, TourismOhio, the Ohio Travel Association and Heritage Ohio.

For more information go to ohiohistory.org/opendoors or [your web address], or call [your phone number].

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About the Ohio History Connection:

The Ohio History Connection is a statewide history organization with the mission to spark discovery of Ohio's stories. As a 501(c)(3) nonprofit chartered in 1885, the Ohio History Connection carries out history services for Ohio and its citizens to preserve and share the state's history. This includes housing the State Historic Preservation Office and the official state archives and managing more than 50 sites and museums across Ohio. For more information, go to <u>ohiohistory.org</u>. The Greater Columbus Arts Council and the Columbus Foundation provide support for Ohio History Connection programs.

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