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**SCHOOL NAME to Participate in 2019 State History Day Event in CITY**

**CITY, Wis**. – The 2019 National History Day (REGION) contest sponsored by the Wisconsin Historical Society will be held on DATE at PLACE. The theme for the 2019 contest is, *“*Triumph & Tragedy in History.”

“The National History Day Wisconsin regional contests are a great way to showcase local students’ talent in the field of history,” said Jenny Kalvaitis, National History Day coordinator. “This program teaches students how to develop skills in writing and research as well as how to think critically and look at history through multiple perspectives.”

National History Day is like a science fair, but for history and was established over 30 years ago. It is an exciting academic enrichment program that helps students learn about historical issues, ideas, people, and events. This yearlong academic adventure fosters students' enthusiasm for learning and their love for history. The Wisconsin Historical Society has hosted the National History Day in Wisconsin Office since 2001.

“QUOTE FROM TEACHER OR PRINCIPAL. HIGHLIGHT WHAT STUDENTS ARE DOING OR THE EXCITEMENT OF PARTICIPATING IN NHD AND THE IMPACT IT HAS ON STUDENTS. KEEP QUOTE TO 2-3 SENTENCES.”

Each year over 16,000 students around Wisconsin present their ideas on the national theme through a variety of mediums including, documentaries, exhibits, papers, performances and websites.

Wisconsin has eight National History Day regions based on county groupings. Each region has a sponsoring or partner institution.

Winners at the regional level will move on to the state competition which will take place on Saturday, April 13, 2019 in Madison at the University of Wisconsin - Madison. For more information, visit [www.wisconsinhistory.org/NHD](http://www.wisconsinhistory.org/NHD).

**About National History Day**

The Wisconsin Historical Society is the state’s sponsor institution for National History Day. The annual, year-long academic enrichment program helps more than 10,000 students in grades six through twelve learn about historical issues, ideas, people and events. For more information, visit [www.wisconsinhistory.org/NHD](http://www.wisconsinhistory.org/NHD).

**About Wisconsin Historical Society**
The Wisconsin Historical Society, founded in 1846, ranks as one of the largest, most active and most diversified state historical societies in the nation. As both a state agency and a private membership organization, its mission is to help people connect to the past by collecting, preserving and sharing stories. The Wisconsin Historical Society serves millions of people every year through a wide range of sites, programs and services. For more information, visit [www.wisconsinhistory.org](http://www.wisconsinhistory.org/).

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