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World Heritage City Exhibit Unveiled at PHL Airport

PHILADELPHIA — A new exhibit recognizing Philadelphia's distinction as the Nation's first World Heritage City by the International Organization of World Heritage Cities opened today.

Airport CEO Chellie Cameron was joined by Mayor Jim Kenney, Global Philadelphia Association Board Chair John Smith and Wawa Welcome America! Executive Director Jeff Guaracino in unveiling *Philadelphia: The First World Heritage City in the U.S.* The exhibit, located in Terminal A-East and accessible to ticketed passengers, will be on display until June 2018.

The exhibit was unveiled as part of Wawa *Welcome America's!* official program. It features a collage of Philadelphia's 67 National Historic Landmarks as well as Independence Hall, the City's UNESCO World Heritage Site. Each of the 280 World Heritage Cities around the globe has a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

"As a proud Philadelphian, I am excited to share this prestigious distinction with travelers from all over the world," said Mayor Jim Kenney. "We're the birthplace of our great nation and the first World Heritage City in the U.S. - something we can all be proud of."

"The display of historical sites in this exhibit is inspiring and sets the precedence for how visitors view Philadelphia," said Cameron. "We're very proud of our place as the nation's first World Heritage City and are excited that everyone passing through PHL can appreciate Philadelphia's importance to our country's history and heritage."

Among the attendees were special guests from Global Philadelphia and the World Heritage Council as well as representatives of some of Philadelphia's 67 National Historic Landmarks.

Philadelphia International Airport is owned and operated by the City of Philadelphia. The Airport is a self-sustaining entity that operates without the use of local tax dollars. It is one of the largest economic engines in Pennsylvania, generating an estimated \$15.4 billion in spending annually and supporting more than 96,300 full-time jobs for the 11-county Philadelphia MSA.