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Women in Journalism Exhibit

In celebration of the 70th Anniversary of the National Federation of Press Women (NFPW), the National Women's History Museum (NWHM), will launch *Women with a Deadline: Female Printers, Publishers and Journalists from the Colonial Period to World War I*, an online exhibit honoring women's contributions to the printed word. The online exhibit can be viewed at www.nwhm.org.

The cyber exhibit is a result of a nine-month collaboration to celebrate women's roles, as well as the 70th Year of NFPW. Noted women's historian and NWHM Vice President for Programs, Doris Weatherford, was the curator for *Women With a Deadline*. Weatherford has authored and published books on women's history for the last 20 years.

According to NWHM President Joan Wages, the history of the American press is linked on many levels to the history of American women. From the very first printer in the New World, Elizabeth Glover, to Mary Katherine Goddard, the first to publish the names of the signers of the Declaration of Independence, women played an important part in the press in Colonial times.

"In honor of these bold, intelligent and pioneering women, NFPW gladly joins with NWHM to focus on their groundbreaking achievements," NFPW President Meg Hunt said. "Through the Civil War and the balance of the 1800s women journalists were on the forefront of reporting on and promoting the Progressive Era, which was the greatest period of positive social reform in our nation's history."

Wages added that during the 1898 Spanish-American War, women reporters scooped their male counterparts. One joined the Red Cross as a nurse, which allowed her to get to the frontlines first.

"NWHM honors the role press women have played in some of the greatest social reforms of history," said Wages. "This exhibit will enlighten and inspire young women to bravely pursue their dreams as so many women journalists have done before them."

NFPW is an organization of professional journalists and communicators. For 70 years, it has promoted the highest ethical standards in communications; provided professional development, youth programs and networking; and advocated for protection of First Amendment rights. NFPW is a member of the NWHM Coalition of 32 leading national women's organizations representing over 8.5 million members who support the NWHM mission.

NWHM, founded in 1996, is a 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. Until legislation passes in Congress designating a permanent museum in Washington, D.C., the NWHM promotes women's history through its temporary exhibits, special events, an award-winning CyberMuseum and online educational materials.