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MEDIA ALERT

THE FREEDOM TRAIL FOUNDATION LAUNCHES AFRICAN-AMERICAN PATRIOTS TOUR OF THE FREEDOM TRAIL®

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BOSTON – November 2008 – At 12:00 noon on Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday between January 22 and February 28, 2009, **Black History Month**, the Freedom Trail Foundation offers its newest guided tour, taking visitors through historic events of the American Revolution and the contributions of African-Americans like Crispus Attucks and others who played a significant role in the country's formation.

Tales of intrigue and bravery, poetry and defiance by black Bostonians unfold during the new 90-minute walking tour of the Freedom Trail. Led by a costumed guide, visitors view history through the eyes of African-American revolutionaries such as Attucks, Phyllis Wheatley, Prince Hall, Peter Salem and others.

“These are historic times, “ said Mimi La Camera, president of the Freedom Trail Foundation, “as we inaugurate the first African-American president. There is no better time to celebrate the heroic stories of the earliest Americans of color who fought alongside other colonial patriots to set this country on its course. Their stories are overlooked and rarely told.”

Ideal for visitors, residents, groups, and schools the 90-minute tour is offered as a public tour every Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday at 12:00 noon, from the Visitor Information Center on Boston Common. Tickets can be purchased online at TheFreedomTrail.org, and at the Visitor Information Center, Boston Common. Cost: \$12 adults/ \$10 seniors and students. Group tours can be booked at a time that is convenient to the group by contacting the Freedom Trail Foundation 617. 357.8300 X202.

About the Freedom Trail Foundation

The Freedom Trail Foundation is a non-profit foundation dedicated to marketing, promoting and preserving the Freedom Trail. The Freedom Trail is a 2.5-mile path that leads to 16 of the country's most significant historical landmarks. The Sites are not adaptations or re-creations, they are real, and each one played a pivotal role in America's rebellious beginning – familiar events such as the Boston Tea Party, the Boston Massacre, Paul Revere's role in the first battle, the Battle of Bunker Hill – and the growth of the young nation. Marked by a red brick path or a painted red line, the Trail weaves its way through Boston's proud past in the midst of this vital, modern city

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