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NEW KENTUCKY STATE FAIR PROJECT TO EXPLORE OUR CONSTITUTION'S HISTORY

LOUISVILLE, KY (April 17, 2015) – On April 19 in 1792, Kentucky's first Constitution was adopted, as an independent government for the nation's fifteenth state was about to be launched on the western frontier.

A new Kentucky State Fair exhibition will explore the history of Kentucky's Constitution—including the subsequent versions adopted in 1799, 1850, and 1891. The 1891 Constitution remains in effect today. "From the 'Powers That Be' to the Power of WE: Exploring Our Constitution" will premiere at the Kentucky State Fair, August 20-30.

A series of illustrated storyboards will chronicle how Kentucky grappled with constitutional issues such as slavery, citizenship rights and equal protection for African Americans, and property and voting rights for women. "The Power of WE" will also feature historical documents and artifacts, engaging programs, and a whole array of interactive media, including touch-screen computer quizzes, a civil rights timeline, and electronic profiles of our founding fathers and suffrage leaders.

The project has been inspired by the 800th anniversary of the sealing of Magna Carta, England's great charter of liberties that is considered to be the foundation of constitutional law.

The 2015 Kentucky State Fair is also presenting the traveling exhibition, "Magna Carta: Enduring Legacy 1215-2015," developed by the American Bar Association and curated by the Law Library of Congress. Both exhibitions will be located in South Wing B.

In addition, a new 30-minute musical production, "The Great Charters of Liberty," will bring the stories of the great charters to life each day at the Fair.

"From the 'Powers That Be' to the Power of WE: Exploring Our Constitution" is funded in part by the Kentucky Bar Association (Family Law, Business Law, Health Care Law, and Public Interest Law Sections) and by a grant awarded by the Kentucky Bar Foundation. Funding for "Magna Carta: Enduring Legacy" in Kentucky is provided by the Louisville Bar Association and the Kentucky Bar Association (Small Firm Section and Young Lawyers Division).

The 2015 Kentucky State Fair will run from August 20-30 at the Kentucky Exposition Center. For more information about the Kentucky State Fair, visit www.kystatefair.org.

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ABOUT THE KENTUCKY STATE FAIR

The Kentucky State Fair is an 11-day celebration of the history, heritage and culture of the Bluegrass State. More than 600,000 attend America's largest indoor fair, which uses over 1.2 million square feet of contiguous exhibit space at the Kentucky Exposition Center. While its roots are in agriculture, the Kentucky State Fair has grown into a trade and public education exposition, as well as a major entertainment venue. The World's Championship Horse Show, held during the Fair, is the world's richest and most prestigious Saddlebred show. Attendees and exhibitors contribute over \$15.3 million annually in economic impact. The Kentucky State Fair & World's Championship Horse Show are owned and produced by the Kentucky State Fair Board, an agency of the Kentucky Tourism, Arts and Heritage Cabinet.