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NEH, Library of Congress announce online newspaper milestone; Chronicling America posts first one million pages of historic newspapers; seven new states added to National Digital Newspaper Program

WHAT: The National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) and the Library of Congress will mark a major milestone in their partnership to digitize historic U.S. newspapers and make them widely available to the public on the Internet. The Chronicling America Web site (<http://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/>)—a searchable database of pages from historically significant American newspapers published between 1836 and 1922—recently posted its first one million pages. In addition, NEH will announce National Digital Newspaper Program grant awards to seven new state projects that will join the 15 current partners in Arizona, California, Florida, Hawaii, Kentucky, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Texas, Utah, Virginia, and Washington. The Library of Congress has posted pages from its own collection of District of Columbia newspapers. The seven new partners will select historically important newspapers published in their respective states to digitize and add them to the Chronicling America Web site.

WHO: **Carole Watson**, Acting Chairman, National Endowment for the Humanities
Deanna Marcum, Associate Librarian for Library Services, the Library of Congress
Henry Snyder, Director of the Center for Bibliographical Studies and Research and Project Director for the California Digital Newspaper Project, University of California at Riverside
Nadina Gardner, Director, NEH Division of Preservation and Access
Mark Sweeney, Chief of the Serial and Government Publications Division, Library of Congress
Deborah Thomas, Coordinator of the National Digital Newspaper Program, Serial and Government Publications Division, Library of Congress

WHEN: **Tuesday, June 16th**
Event begins: 10:00 a.m.
Event concludes: 11:00 a.m. (estimated)

WHERE: **Newseum, Knight Studio**
555 Pennsylvania, Ave., NW (**media covering the event must use the 6th St. entrance**)
Washington, D.C.

NOTE: Accredited journalists should **RSVP to Lindsey Mikal at lmikal@neh.gov or 202-606-8317** with their full name, organization, e-mail address, and phone number by **noon on Monday, June 15th**. Visit the online pressroom here: <http://www.loc.gov/pressroom/kits/name/Chronicling-America-1-Millionth-Page>

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The National Digital Newspaper Program (NDNP) is a partnership between the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) and the Library of Congress to provide enhanced access to United States newspapers. NDNP intends to make funding available to digitize historically significant newspapers from all fifty states and U.S. territories published between 1836 and 1922 on the Chronicling America Web site. NDNP is part of the Endowment's *We the People* program, which is an NEH program designed to encourage and enhance the teaching, study, and understanding of American history, culture, and democratic principles.

Chronicling America is a free, national, searchable, digital resource of historically significant United States newspapers. Launched by NEH and the Library of Congress in March 2007 as part of the National Digital Newspaper Program, the Chronicling America Web site currently contains more than one million pages published between 1880 and 1910 from nine states and the District of Columbia.