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The Robert David Lion Gardiner Foundation Supports the Museum of Democracy Prohibition Exhibit

(New York, NY) – The Robert David Lion Gardiner Foundation approved a \$25,000 match grant to the Museum of Democracy (MOD) to develop the “Boats, Barns, and Bootlegging: Long Island’s Colorful Prohibition Legacy” exhibit for display at the Bridgehampton Museum in Long Island New York in 2018.

MOD hosts a more than a million assemblage of historical art, artifacts, and memorabilia. These objects, from rare and important flags, posters, paper dresses and lanterns, to ice cream bars, sunglasses and buttons form a fascinating, moving sometimes funny, sometimes outrageous physical record of the past. The collection provides wonderful insight into America's most important achievements.

The exhibit showcases Long Island's prominent and prosperous role in smuggling, as well as items depicting the rest of America's varied opinions during that Era. The exhibit will appeal to locals as well as visitors during the busy spring and summer tourism seasons. MoD exhibits include multi-sensory items to provide an interactive, hands-on experience. MoD will also plan four community events to engage patrons and help interpret the importance of this controversial time in American history. “We are extremely grateful for the continued support of the Robert David Lion Gardiner Foundation, and look forward to the public’s reaction to this colorful exhibit,” said Pamala Wright, Project Director for the Museum of Democracy.

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