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Virginia Historical Society Earns Coveted 4-Star Rating from Charity Navigator The Highest Rating a Charity May Receive

Richmond, VA — The Virginia Historical Society is proud to be recognized as a 4-star charity by Charity Navigator, America’s premier independent charity evaluator. Only the most fiscally responsible organizations receive the coveted 4-star designation. Of the fourteen charitable organizations in the Richmond area to receive this honor, VHS ranks first among arts and cultural institutions, and ranks fourth overall.

“There has never been a better time to support the VHS,” said VHS Interim CEO and Board Chair, John R. Nelson. “The VHS has much to offer Richmond region visitors and our friends across the state. In 2017, with the direction of our incoming President and CEO, Jamie O. Bosket, we will bring innovative programs and new exhibitions to strengthen the VHS financial base.”

Founded in 2001, Charity Navigator is the nation's largest and most-utilized evaluator of charities. By examining tens of thousands of non-profit financial documents, they have developed an unbiased, objective, numbers-based rating system to assess over 8,000 of America's best-known and some lesser known, but worthy, charities.

Charity Navigator's rating system examines two broad areas of a charity's performance; their financial health and their accountability and transparency. The ratings show givers how efficiently a charity will use their support, how well it has sustained its programs and services over time and their level of commitment to good governance, best practices and openness with information. They provide these ratings so that charitable givers and social investors can make intelligent giving decisions, and so that the nonprofit sector can improve its performance.

As published by Charity Navigator on December 1, 2016, the VHS received a 94.7 percent score to obtain the 4-star rating, placing the institution in a very select group of high-performing charities.

In 2015, CharityNavigator.org had more than seven million visits by donors. Charity Navigator accepts no funding from the charities that they evaluate, ensuring that their ratings remain objective.

The Virginia Historical Society (VHS)—a privately funded nonprofit organization—collects, preserves, and interprets the Commonwealth’s history, linking past with present to inspire future generations. The VHS is located at 428 North Boulevard in Richmond’s Museum District. Hours are Monday – Sunday 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. for the galleries and museum shop, Monday – Saturday 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. for the library. For more information about the VHS call (804) 358-4901, visit vahistorical.org, or connect with the VHS on Facebook and Twitter.

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