**Manchester Celebrates 100th Anniversary
of First in the Nation Primary**

*New website outlines FITN events, tours and exhibitions*

**Manchester, N.H**. -- Today, Manchester announced its plan to commemorate the 100th anniversary of New Hampshire’s First in the Nation (FITN) Primary. For the next month, exhibits, tours and events will encourage Queen City residents and visitors to engage in the political process and celebrate Manchester’s pivotal role in American political history.

“As the largest city in New Hampshire, Manchester receives a lot of attention during the First in the Nation Primary,” said **Mayor Joyce Craig**. “It’s an exciting time for Queen City residents, presidential candidates and the national press – and this year for the 100th Anniversary, we’ll host events across the city to commemorate the political role Manchester has played over the last century.”

Small business owner and active citizen, **Liz Hitchcock** stated “Bookery Manchester is proud to host political candidates for talks and book signings. We believe that civic discourse allows citizens to be part of the political process and better community members. It is an exciting time. This partnership with Orbit Group and the city is an important one.”

“At the Manchester Historic Association, we know that the Presidential Primary is a statewide affair, but we also recognize that, as election day draws closer, Manchester becomes more and more of the focal point for the media, the candidates and the hundreds and hundreds of volunteers who come here,” said **John Clayton**, executive director of the MHA and Millyard Museum. “Our exhibit, ‘Manchester and the Path to the Presidency,’ clearly demonstrates Manchester’s role as the crucible for this process, and by working with this great group at #MHTFITN, we are bringing both content and context beyond the walls of the museum and into the streets of Manchester.”

Manchester residents and visitors are invited to stay informed on all things FITN by visiting our website at <https://mhtfitn.com/>. This is where you can gain up-to-date insight on visiting candidates, upcoming events, and how to vote on February, 11, 2020.

Participate in a scavenger hunt by exploring political hot spots and exhibits and using the hashtag #MHTFITN on Twitter and Instagram. Join in on the fun, win prizes, and learn more at <https://mhtfitn.com/explore>.

Notable items include:

* **Trolley Tours:** Hosted by Manchester Historic Association Director John Clayton, participants will explore Manchester’s history,exhibits and political hot spots. Tour schedules https://mhtfitn.com/explore
* **FITN Trivia Night:** On January 31, join us for Trivia Night Live with Bill and Cody, featuring the Alli Beaudry Band, highlighting Manchester’s role in the FITN process. Doors open at 6:00 p.m., events begins at 7:00 p.m. at the Rex Theatre. Register a team at: https://palacetheatre.secure.force.com/ticket/PatronTicket\_\_PublicTicketApp#/instances/a0F1I00000Almr1UAB
* **Voter Checklist:** Find your polling location, voter requirements and more. Voting information can be found at https://mhtfitn.com/vote