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The Mariners' Museum and Park Wins Tripadvisor Travelers' Choice Award 2024

NEWPORT NEWS, Va. – The Mariners' Museum and Park has been recognized in Tripadvisor's® Travelers' Choice® Awards for 2024. The award honors businesses that consistently earn great reviews, placing them among the top 10 percent of listings around the world on Tripadvisor.

As the world's largest travel guidance platform, Tripadvisor is relied on by travelers across the world. This award is based on first-hand feedback from anyone who has visited and left an authentic review on Tripadvisor over a 12-month period, making it a valuable and trustworthy designation of great places to visit.

Mariners' President and CEO Howard Hoege expressed gratitude for the recognition and for all of those who played a role in securing it. "Over the past several years, our Mariners' Team, partners, and supporters from throughout the Hampton Roads region and across the country have made access to our buildings and campus a top priority," said Hoege. "The result of this has been the permanent adoption of a \$1 admission policy to our galleries, free educational enrichment programs for the public schools in our region, free access to our 550-acre Mariners' Park and the 5-mile Noland Trail, and safe, affordable kayaking on Mariners' Lake. Our entire Team is incredibly proud of this Tripadvisor Travelers' Choice Award, and we are grateful to Tripadvisor and all of the members of the local, national, and global communities that we serve."

For interview requests or more information about The Mariners' Museum and Park, media should contact Senior Director of Advancement Sabrina Jones at sjones@MarinersMuseum.org or (757) 591-7708.

About Tripadvisor

Tripadvisor, the world's largest travel guidance platform, helps millions of people each month become better travelers, from planning to booking to taking a trip. Travelers across the globe use the Tripadvisor site and app to discover where to stay, what to do and where to eat based on guidance from those who have been there before. With more than 1 billion reviews and contributions, travelers turn to Tripadvisor to find deals on accommodations, book experiences, reserve tables at delicious restaurants and discover great places nearby.

About The Mariners' Museum and Park

The Mariners' Museum and Park connects people to the world's waters because through the water – through our shared maritime heritage – we are connected to one another. The organization is an educational, private 501(c)(3) nonprofit institution accredited by the American Alliance of Museums and

preserves and interprets maritime history through an international collection of ship models, figureheads, paintings, and other maritime artifacts. The Mariners' Museum is home to the USS *Monitor* Center, and is surrounded by the 550-acre Mariners' Park, the largest privately owned and maintained park that is free and open to the public in North America. The Mariners' Museum Library is the largest maritime library in the Western hemisphere. Because of the Museum's world-class collection and its reputation for high-level exhibits and programs, in 1998, the U.S. Congress designated The Mariners' Museum as one of only two maritime museums that comprise America's National Maritime Museum. The Museum galleries are open to the general public with \$1 admission, and the Mariners' team will continue to offer FREE virtual programs for those who prefer to engage online with us or through our social media platforms and blog posts. The Mariners' Park and Noland Trail is open for daily use. For additional information, visit MarinersMuseum.org, call (757) 596-2222 or write to The Mariners' Museum, 100 Museum Drive, Newport News, VA 23606.