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## First Americans Museum Welcomes New Executive Director/CEO

OKLAHOMA CITY (July 8, 2024) - First Americans Museum (FAM) is pleased to announce the appointment of Dr. Kelli Mosteller (Citizen Potawatomi Nation) as its new Executive Director and CEO.

Dr. Mosteller brings over 15 years of leadership experience in cultural institutions, tribal community work, and academia. Most recently, she served as Executive Director of the Harvard University Native American Program. Prior to that, she spent 12 years as Executive Director of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation Cultural Heritage Center in Shawnee, Oklahoma.

"We are thrilled to welcome Dr. Mosteller to lead FAM into its next chapter," said Greg Wadley (Choctaw Nation), chair of the FAM Board of Directors. "Her extensive experience in Indigenous cultural preservation, museum management, and community engagement makes her ideally suited to build on FAM's success and further our mission."

Claire Green Young (Choctaw Nation), who also serves on the Board of Directors at FAM and is the inaugural Public Arts Manager at the Choctaw Nation and the Former Curator at the Choctaw Cultural Center, said, "We commend Kelli for her 12 years serving her own tribal nation. Her experience in Oklahoma combined with her leadership at Harvard will elevate meaningful engagement with tribal nations in Oklahoma today. We're excited to welcome her to the FAMily."

Dr. Mosteller holds a Ph.D. in American History from the University of Texas at Austin, with a focus on Indigenous studies. Her work has been recognized with numerous awards, including being named one of Oklahoma's "50 Women Making a Difference" by The Journal Record.

"It's an honor to join the exceptional team at First Americans Museum," said Dr. Mosteller. "FAM plays a vital role in celebrating and sharing the collective histories of 39 distinctive First American Nations in Oklahoma today. I look forward to working with staff, the board of directors, and community partners to expand FAM's impact as a landmark cultural institution."

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FAM has been honored with over 30 local, regional, national, and international awards including:

2024 The American Alliance of Museums Advancement of Diversity, Equity, Accessibility, and Inclusion in Museums Award

2024 Good Design Award by The Chicago Athenaeum Museum of Architecture and Design and The European Centre for Architecture Art Design and Urban Studies

2024 The National Endowment for the Arts Grant Recipient for its reunification work WINIKO: Life of an Object

2023 Winner of the Urban Land Institute (ULI) National Award for Best Public Facility

2023 ONE (Oklahoma Nonprofit Excellence) Award for Best Arts & Humanities Organization

2023 AASLH (American Association for State & Local History) Award of Excellence & History In Progress Award

2022 ENR (Engineering News Record) Award of Excellence for Best Public Facility in the United States

2022 Oklahoma RedBud Award for Outstanding New Attraction

2022 EPA Region 6 Award and National Phoenix Award for Best Brownfield Project

2022 Oklahoma Museums Association Outstanding Exhibit Award for “Okla Homma”

2022 Oklahoma Museums Association Outstanding Publication Award for “WINIKO: Life of an Object”

2022 Anthem Gold Award for the exhibition “Okla Homma”

2022 Winner of the Urban Land Institute (ULI) Philanthropic Vision Award

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## About FAM

First Americans Museum celebrates our shared American history through the collective stories of 39 distinct tribal nations in Oklahoma today. The museum promotes awareness and educates the broader public about the unique cultures, diversity, history, contributions, and resilience of the First American nations. The 175,000 sq. ft. museum is located at 659 First Americans Blvd, Oklahoma City, OK 73129

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