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**STATE MUSEUM OFFERS FREE ADMISSION TO CURIOSITY CONNECTION
AND PLANETARIUM ON SUNDAY, MARCH 12 AS PART OF
CHARTER DAY CELEBRATION**

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Harrisburg, PA –The State Museum of Pennsylvania, 300 North Street, is offering FREE admission to its popular Curiosity Connection™, a play area for children under 7 and Sci-Dome Digital Planetarium on Sunday, March 12, 2006 in celebration of Charter Day. On this date, all Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission (PHMC) sites are open FREE to the public. Many sites present special programs celebrating the life of William Penn, founder of the Commonwealth. General admission to the museum is always free of charge.

In order to accommodate as many visitors as possible, The State Museum, is offering special 45 minute visits to Curiosity Connection at 12:00 p.m., 1:00 p.m., 2:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. Screenings of the planetarium show, *Passport to the Universe*, narrated by two time Academy Award® winner Tom Hanks, are offered at 12:15 p.m., 1:00 p.m., 2:00 p.m., 3:00 p.m. and 3:45 p.m. Seating is on a first-come first-serve basis.

More information on the Planetarium, Curiosity Connection or other State Museum programs is available online at www.statemuseumpa.org. Information on activities at other commission sites is available at www.phmc.state.pa.us.

Charter Day is part of the larger Heritage Week celebration presented by PHMC and commemorates Pennsylvania's 325th birthday. Heritage Week begins on Friday, March 10, and continues through Sunday, March 19. Heritage Week is the only time the fragile, original 1681 Charter granted to William Penn by King Charles II of Great Britain is exhibited. Pennsylvania State Archives staff will present the fascinating story of our Commonwealth's origins during "Charter Chats" scheduled throughout Heritage Week.

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The State Museum of Pennsylvania is one of 25 historic sites and museums on the Pennsylvania Trail of History® administered by the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission. Museum hours are Tuesday through Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday, 12 noon to 5 p.m. Individuals who need special assistance should call (717) 787-6778 or the Pennsylvania TDD relay service at (800) 654-5984. For more information on all of the programs, exhibitions and events at The State Museum, click on www.statemuseumpa.org.

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