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***New Exhibit, *Voices: African American and Latina Women Share Their Stories of Success* Opens at The State Museum, Saturday April 11, 2009***

**Harrisburg, PA** – The State Museum of Pennsylvania welcomes the exhibit *Voices: African American and Latina Women Share Their Stories of Success* which opens on Saturday, April 11, 2009 and runs through March 7, 2010. This exhibit features the voices of 50 extraordinary women from Pennsylvania – women who persevered and succeeded in spite of the challenges they faced and reached the top of their fields, including law, medicine, communications, business, technology, the arts, education and government as well as the non-profit arena.

Originally conceived as a book published by the Pennsylvania Commission for Women in 2006, *Voices* was transformed into a museum exhibition by the commission, with assistance from the Senator John Heinz History Center and award winning photographer Darcy Padilla. The book, and the exhibit it inspired, is intended to combat stereotypical images and detail the work necessary to achieve excellence. The life of each woman profiled provides a model for overcoming obstacles and encourages women, and anyone for that matter, to set goals and pursue dreams.

The State Museum of Pennsylvania, 300 North St., Harrisburg, is one of 26 historic sites and museums on the Pennsylvania Trail of History™ administered by the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission. Museum hours are Tuesday through Saturday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and Sunday, 12 noon to 5:00 p.m. Individuals who need special assistance should call

(717) 787-4979 or the Pennsylvania TDD relay service at (800) 654-5984. More information on exhibits and programs at The State Museum is available online at [www.statemuseumpa.org](http://www.statemuseumpa.org).