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Oregon Historical Society Announces 2016 History Makers; Phil Knight to be Honored at Ceremony October 9

Portland, OR – March 7, 2016 – The Oregon Historical Society is pleased to announce the 2016 recipients of the Oregon History Makers Medal. First awarded in 2009, the History Makers Medal is regarded as one of Oregon’s most prestigious honors and is presented annually by OHS to individuals and organizations that are positively shaping the history, culture, and landscape of Oregon.

The 2016 Oregon History Makers Medal recipients are:

David Hume Kennerly: *Photojournalist*

A native of Roseburg and a graduate of West Linn High School, Pulitzer Prize winning photographer David Hume Kennerly has forged a career as one of America’s most respected photojournalists, shooting on the front lines of history for fifty years. Kennerly has photographed our last eight Presidents and served as White House Photographer under President Gerald Ford. His work has appeared on the covers of more than 50 major magazines, including *Time* and *Newsweek*.

Phil Knight: *Visionary business executive & philanthropist*

As the co-founder, CEO, and Chairman of the Board of NIKE, Inc., one of the world’s most iconic companies, Phil Knight has made a historic impact on the economy and culture of Oregon. Knight’s remarkable philanthropic leadership has transformed many Oregon institutions including the University of Oregon and Oregon Health & Science University.

Dr. Jane Lubchenco: *Environmental Scientist and Marine Ecologist*

Oregon State University Professor Dr. Jane Lubchenco is a world renowned environmental scientist who from 2009-2013 was the first woman to serve as Under

Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere and the Administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. She currently serves as the first U.S. Science Envoy for the Ocean.

Hoffman Construction: *Largest general contractor in the Pacific Northwest*

Founded in Portland in 1922, Hoffman Construction is responsible for some of Oregon's best known structures, including the Portland Art Museum, the Central Library, the Oregon Convention Center, and Doernbecher Children's Hospital. With projects in a dozen states and overseas, Hoffman has helped establish new industry standards for safety, quality, and sustainability on large, complex construction projects.

"David Kennerly, Phil Knight, Dr. Jane Lubchenco, and Hoffman Construction have all made our state proud, and are all very deserving of the title 'Oregon History Maker,'" said OHS Executive Director Kerry Tymchuk.

The Oregon History Makers Medal will be presented at a dinner at the historic Montgomery Park building in Portland on Sunday, October 9, 2016. Table sponsorships and individual tickets are available; for more information, please contact Sue Metzler, Director of Development, at 503-306-5229 or sue.metzler@ohs.org.

About the Oregon Historical Society

For more than a century, the Oregon Historical Society has served as the state's collective memory, preserving a vast collection of artifacts, photographs, maps, manuscript materials, books, films, and oral histories. Our research library, museum, digital platforms & website (www.ohs.org), educational programming, and historical journal make Oregon's history open and accessible to all. We exist because history is powerful, and because a history as deep and rich as Oregon's cannot be contained within a single story or point of view.