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AIHA TO HOST WASHINGTON & LINCOLN SPELLING BEE FEBRUARY 5

ALBANY, NY— On Sunday, February 5, Capital District children will learn about two of their favorite presidents, practice for the Regional Spelling Bee, and still be home in time for the Super Bowl kick off!

The Washington & Lincoln Spelling Bee, taking place at 1 PM at the Albany Institute of History & Art, will challenge children 8 to 14 years of age to use their spelling skills in a competitive environment while learning about George Washington and Abraham Lincoln. Spelling Bee words will be derived from titles of works of art, exhibition text, and identification labels from the museum's current exhibitions *First in the Hearts of His Countrymen: George Washington* and *Albany and the Civil War: Medicine on the Home and Battle Fronts*. Contestants can either visit the Institute to see how the text is used in relation to the exhibits, or download the exhibition text by visiting www.albanyinstitute.org.

The Assistant Superintendent for Elementary Education of the City School District of Albany, Linda Rudnick, will be the pronouncer for the event. The judges for the spelling bee will be Lori Quigley, Ph. D., of the Sage Colleges and Barry Walston, board member of the Albany Fund for Education.

Registration is open to all children ages 8 to 14. Participants must enroll on or before 5 PM on February 1. To register, send an e-mail with the student's name, age, grade level, school, parent/guardian name, address, and phone number to collinsb@albanyinstitute.org. Enrollment by phone is also available by calling (518) 463-4478, ext. 405.

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The Albany Institute's distinguished collections and acclaimed exhibitions comprise the definitive expression of the cultural, historical, and artistic heritage of Albany and the upper Hudson Valley. From its world-renowned Hudson River School collection, to the famous Albany Mummies, to the wide range of performances, lectures, and festivals, to its outstanding educational and family programming, this distinctive and engaging institution provides visitors of all ages and interests with a splendid museum experience. Visit www.albanyinstitute.org for more information, and be sure to follow us on Facebook (www.facebook.com/albanyinstitute) and Twitter (www.twitter.com/albanyinstitute).

The Albany Institute of History & Art is open Wednesday through Saturday, 10 AM-5 PM and Sundays NOON-5 PM. The museum is closed on Monday and open for pre-registered groups only on Tuesday. The library is open Thursdays 1:30-4:30 PM and by appointment.

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