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FOUNDATION FOR THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES ELECTS FIVE TO ITS BOARD OF DIRECTORS

***Fay Hartog Levin, Soledad O'Brien, Bruce Ramer,
Lucinda Robb, and Ross Swimmer Join Effort to Promote Archives***

Washington, DC – April 11, 2013 – The Foundation for the National Archives is pleased to announce the election of five new members to its board of directors: Ambassador Fay Hartog Levin, Soledad O'Brien, Bruce Ramer, Lucinda Robb, and Ross Swimmer.

"The National Archives continues to attract a strong and diverse group of supporters, and I am thrilled to welcome our newest board members," said A'Lelia Bundles, chair and president of the Foundation. "We welcome their ideas and their expertise as we look forward to an incredible year at the Archives. I know all of our new members are ready to serve as passionate advocates for the Archives and all that this agency is doing to promote civic engagement."

Ambassador Fay Hartog Levin, of Chicago, is the senior advisor to the Chicago Council on Global Affairs and serves as a senior advisor on International Strategies for the Harris School of Public Policy at the University of Chicago. She was the 65th Ambassador of the United States to the Kingdom of the Netherlands from 2009-2011. Prior to her appointment as ambassador, Levin was a senior consultant at Res Publica Group in Chicago, assisting non-profit organizations in developing strategic partnerships and maximizing their support. She also served as vice president for external affairs at Chicago's Field Museum for nine years. Levin is a graduate of Northwestern University and Loyola University School of Law.

Soledad O'Brien, of New York, is an award-winning CNN special correspondent who also recently started her own production company, Starfish Media Group in 2013, which will create long-form content for CNN (including her In America series), other networks and partners. O'Brien has worked on several acclaimed documentaries about issues in America and around the world, and she has won numerous awards, including an Emmy, for her work in journalism. She is also the author of *The Next Big Story: My Journey through the Land of Possibilities*, a memoir chronicling her biggest reporting moments and how her upbringing and background have influenced these experiences. She is a graduate of Harvard University.

Bruce Ramer, of Los Angeles, is an attorney and partner at Gang, Tyre, Ramer & Brown, a Los Angeles firm specializing in high-profile entertainment and media work. He was active for nearly 20 years on the board of public television station KCET in Los Angeles, which he chaired from 2001 to 2003, and was appointed to the Corporation for Public Broadcasting Board by President George W. Bush and confirmed by the Senate in October 2008, and has been re-nominated by President Barack Obama. Ramer is a member of the board of trustees of the University of Southern California and the board of councilors of the USC Annenberg School for Communications and Journalism. He is the former president of the American Jewish Committee and a member of the Council on Foreign Relations, and he serves on the Pacific Council on International Policy. Ramer is a graduate of Princeton University and Harvard Law School.

Lucinda Robb, of Arlington, Virginia, is an education advocate who worked for The Teaching Company/Great Courses for 15 years and served as its director of recruiting and director of professor relations. She also has worked at the Center for Legislative Archives at the National Archives, and at Walt Disney World. The granddaughter of President Lyndon B. Johnson, Robb has volunteered with many youth organizations and was a founding board member for the Fairfax Library. She is a graduate of Princeton University's Woodrow Wilson School of Public Affairs.

Ross O. Swimmer, of Tulsa, Oklahoma, is general partner and president of Swimmer Group, LLC, as well as a partner of Native American Fund Advisors. He served as tribal relations executive for the Cherokee Nation for several years, representing the Cherokee Nation before Congress and administrative agencies. Prior to that, Swimmer served as special trustee for American Indians in the U.S. Department of the Interior. From 1975-1984, he served as principal chief of the Cherokee Nation in Oklahoma. He is a graduate of the University of Oklahoma and the University of Oklahoma Law School.

About the Foundation for the National Archives

The Foundation for the National Archives is an independent nonprofit that serves as the National Archives' private-sector partner in the creation of and ongoing support of the National Archives Experience, which includes permanent and traveling exhibits, educational programs, special events, film screenings, educational literature, and historical/records-related products and media. The Foundation helps the public understand the importance of the holdings of the National Archives by presenting the depth and diversity of the records through award-winning, interactive educational exhibits and programs. It generates financial and creative support for the National Archives from individuals,

foundations, and corporations who share a belief in the importance of innovative civics education.

About the National Archives Experience

The National Archives Experience, created by the National Archives in partnership with the Foundation for the National Archives, has transformed the visitor experience at the National Archives' Washington, DC building, and includes a renovated Rotunda for the Charters of Freedom, the award-winning Public Vaults permanent interactive exhibition, the William G. McGowan Theater, the Lawrence F. O'Brien Gallery for special exhibits, the Boeing Learning Center, the Digital Vaults online exhibit, and the DocsTeach website. These components make the rich resources of the National Archives accessible to Americans nationwide.

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