

Media Alert  
September 11, 2019

Emily Lucier, Manager of Public Relations & Marketing  
[elucier@VirginiaHistory.org](mailto:elucier@VirginiaHistory.org), 804.342.9665

**Virginia Museum of History & Culture exhibit *John Marshall: Hidden Hero of National Union*  
Closing this Sunday, September 15**

Richmond, VA — The Virginia Museum of History & Culture (VMHC) will be closing their exhibit, *John Marshall: Hidden Hero of National Union* this Sunday, September 15. All are invited to see this unique exhibit honoring this Chief Justice and also one of America's least recognized Founding Fathers.

The distinguished life of John Marshall, the nation's fourth chief justice of the Supreme Court, parallels the unfolding of the American experiment in self-government. Coming of age with the new nation, Marshall fought for independence, then served in all three branches of the federal government. It was during his 34 years as chief justice, however, that Marshall made his most visible and lasting contributions to the nation. Marshall developed the court into what it is today—a co-equal branch of the federal government with powers to check and balance those of the executive and legislative divisions.

Marshall shunned recognition. He helped preserve the fragile union from its origin under George Washington to the presidency of Abraham Lincoln. This exhibition brings to life the little-known story of one of America's least recognized Founding Fathers. The exhibition tells the story of Marshall the man, a human being with flaws. It acknowledges the fact that Marshall and his family owned slaves, a practice which we view as abhorrent today, but it also recognizes his profound role as a nation builder in a time when the United States needed one.

This exhibit is co-sponsored by Preservation Virginia and the John Marshall Foundation, with support from Hunton Andrews Kurth, LLP, McGuireWoods, & E.B. Duff CLAT.

The Virginia Museum of History & Culture is owned and operated by the Virginia Historical Society — a private, non-profit organization established in 1831. The historical society is the oldest cultural organization in Virginia, and one of the oldest and most distinguished history organizations in the nation. For use in its state history museum and its renowned research library, the historical society cares for a collection of nearly nine million items representing the ever-evolving story of Virginia.

The Virginia Museum of History & Culture is located at 428 N Arthur Ashe Boulevard in Richmond's Museum District. Hours are Monday – Sunday 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. for the galleries and museum shop, Monday – Saturday 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. for the research library. For more information call 804.340.1800, visit [VirginiaHistory.org](http://VirginiaHistory.org), or connect on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.

###