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As you know, the COVID-19 health crisis has escalated quickly.

On Friday, March 13, we made the necessary decision to close the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library & Museum to the public until further notice.

Our first priority is the health, safety, and well-being of our fellow citizens. As President Reagan once shared, "How can we love our country and not love our countrymen; and loving them, reach out a hand when they fall, heal them when they're sick..."

Our thoughts and prayers are with anyone impacted by the spread of the COVID-19 virus, and we extend our gratitude to the many healthcare professionals working around the clock toward containment and a cure.

During challenging times, we find resolve in the spirit of America to do what is right and remain a shining city on a hill when events around the world bring uncertainty. It's a confidence President Reagan held deeply, and one we also believe.

Of course, the Reagan Library and Museum relies on revenue from museum guests and members. With our doors closed indefinitely, we are joining Americans in tightening our belts as best we can in response to these unprecedented circumstances. Every week that the Museum remains closed, we lose approximately \$150,000 in revenue from admissions, concessions, and other on-site sales. As you can imagine, this is having a significant impact on our revenue.

If you are looking for ways to help, we could certainly use it at this time to ensure we can re-open our doors in the future to preserve and promote the values and leadership of President Reagan – an example that serves us well in times like these.

I wish you and your family, friends and neighbors peace, health, and an underlying spirit of hope. We are Americans, and we will move through this difficult season together.

Gratefully,

John D. Heubusch Executive Director

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P.S. Thank you again for any support you can lend today. We receive no federal funding, so our operations moving forward is dependent upon the generosity of friends like you.