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**Fort Wayne Museum of Art Joins with Welcoming America and Hundreds of Communities to Celebrate New Americans during Welcoming Week**

(Fort Wayne, IN) – In collaboration with the Language Services Network in Fort Wayne, the Fort Wayne Museum of Art will celebrate Welcoming Week by hosting bilingual tours of its exhibits September 14 and 21 to recognize immigrant contributions to our community/ies.

“Our organization’s participation in Welcoming Week through bilingual tours shows that in Fort Wayne, Americans of all backgrounds are coming together to create stronger, more prosperous communities. We are proud to be a part of Welcoming Week, which is demonstrating that in places large and small, rural and urban, people of all backgrounds are coming together to create stronger communities. It is a time to celebrate the values that unite us as neighbors, parents, and colleagues, and to make our towns more welcoming to newcomers and to everyone who calls our community home,” said Amanda Martin, Vice President & COO of the Fort Wayne Museum of Art.

The bilingual tours will be held on September 14 and 21 from 6-7pm. The tour on September 14 will be Spanish/English, and the tour on September 21 will be Burmese/English. Interpretation will be provided by the Language Services Network. Tours are free of charge. No registration is required, although questions in Spanish or Burmese can be answered by the staff of the Language Services Network by calling 260.426.6467.

“These celebrations are part of a powerful and growing movement in our country and around the world,” said David Lubell, founder and executive director of Welcoming America.

“Communities recognize that they are more vibrant and prosperous when everyone feels welcomed and can fully participate. In events across the world this week, new and longtime residents are building bridges and make their communities stronger.” For more information on Welcoming Week nationwide, visit <https://www.welcomingamerica.org/>.

**About the Fort Wayne Museum of Art**

Beginning with art classes in 1888, the Fort Wayne Museum of Art has evolved into the leading visual arts institution in Northeast Indiana. Regularly exhibiting nationally acclaimed artists, the FWMoA also boasts a permanent collection including works by Mark di Suvero, Andy Warhol, and Kara Walker. The FWMoA is committed to the collection, preservation, and presentation of American and related art to engage and educate broad and diverse audiences throughout the community and region, and add value to their lives. The Fort Wayne Museum of Art is funded by Arts United of Greater Fort Wayne. This activity made possible, in part, with support from the Indiana Arts Commission and the National Endowment for the Arts, a federal agency. [www.fwmoa.org](http://www.fwmoa.org)

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