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BOOMDAYS!

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Media Advisory

BoomDays 2007 Kicks off the Weekend with Historical Reenactment & Proclamation by Niagara River Mayors and Supervisors

Date: Friday, April 13, 2007

Time: 11:00AM

Place: Old Fort Niagara
Fort Niagara State Park
Youngstown, NY

YOUNGSTOWN, NY – BoomDays will kick-off a weekend full of events with the reenactment of the French Explorer LaSalle and Father Hennepin coming ashore from a canoe at Old Fort Niagara Friday at 11 AM. They will be greeted by Niagara Falls Mayor Vince Anello and several Mayors and Supervisors from the Niagara River shoreline communities to join in a BoomDays Proclamation.

At the Old Fort Niagara ceremony Niagara Falls Mayor Vince Anello will “urge the WNY public to help improve our Niagara River waterfront by working together on a Niagara River Greenway Plan and celebrate the end of winter and the coming of spring by their attendance at the various regional Boom Days events.”

Re-enactors will leave from Youngstown Yacht Club and paddle along the Niagara River in canoes provided by Brett Bersani of Niagara Paddle Shack, Inc.. Dressed in 17th century period clothing provided by Fort Niagara, the BoomDay will reenactors will announce plans for Buffalo, Niagara Falls and Youngstown events his weekend. The reenactors include Cavalier LaSalle (Ken Sherman), Father Hennepin (Walter Kendzia), and the Marquis de Frontenac (Paul Dyster). Musket shoots will be fired at 11 AM by old Fort Niagara staff including its Director (Robert Emerson) to welcome the visitors ashore.

About the Organizations:

About BoomDays – www.boomdays.com

BoomDays celebrates the lifting of the Lake Erie - Niagara River Ice Boom. It is a unique way to mark the coming of spring. BoomDays commemorates our bustling waterways of days gone by and glorifies our natural, artistic and cultural wealth. BoomDays is a moveable feast and festivities extend from the Buffalo River to Old Fort Niagara. Event

participants (known as Boomers) journey throughout the Buffalo/Niagara waterfront areas experiencing all that the region has to offer.

About Old Fort Niagara–

Standing on a bluff above Lake Ontario not far from Niagara Falls, Old Fort Niagara has dominated the entrance to the Niagara River since 1726. The colorful history of the site began even earlier, and continues to the present day.

The fort played an important role in the struggles of France, Great Britain, and the United States to control the Great Lakes region of North America, and also helped shape the destinies of the Iroquois (Six Nations) peoples and the nation of Canada.

Today Old Fort Niagara is a National Historic Landmark and New York State Historic Site that welcomes more than 100,000 visitors every year. It offers a unique collection of original military architecture and fortifications from the 18th Century and the 19th Century, as well as living history events and programs, historical exhibits and collections, archaeology, and education.

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