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EXPLORE ALASKA BY WAY OF THE HEARD MUSEUM'S NEWEST CULTURAL EXHIBIT
Molly of Denali: An Alaskan Adventure Opens to the Public June 2

PHOENIX – The acclaimed PBS KIDS® series produced by GBH Kids, MOLLY OF DENALI®, is brought to life when The Heard Museum's newest cultural exhibit, *Molly of Denali: An Alaskan Adventure* opens to the public on Tuesday, June 2.

Set in the fictitious rural Alaskan village of Qyah, the show follows the adventures of Molly Mabray, her family, friends, and dog Suki and is infused with Alaska Native values, history, traditions and language.

The exhibit showcases Alaska and Molly's life in both the summer and winter seasons. Visitors can pretend to fly a replica bush plane, drive a snowmobile and navigate a snow maze in snowshoes. The center of the exhibit features the Trading Post and the Tribal Hall from the series where guests will have the opportunity to explore the great outdoors of Alaska and Alaska Native life including camping, ice fishing, discovering replica ice sculptures and caring for sled dogs.

Reflecting the series' educational focus on introducing Informational Text (IT) curriculum to young learners, technology is integrated throughout the exhibit, including opportunities for visitors to be part of Molly's vlog, games, and other hand-on activities and apps available on the PBS KIDS® website. Visitors will explore Alaska Native culture with interactive learning opportunities at the Tribal Hall and the Trading Post will feature Alaska's geography, unique activities and native animals.

Molly of Denali: An Alaskan Adventure is a nationally traveling exhibit created by The Magic House, St. Louis Children's Museum in collaboration with GBH Kids and a team of Alaska Native advisors.

The exhibit is scheduled to open to the public on June 2 and will remain at The Heard Museum through August 30. *Molly of Denali: An Alaskan Adventure* is included with admission to the Museum.

About THE HEARD MUSEUM

Since its founding in 1929, the Heard Museum has grown to become nationally and internationally recognized for its world-class exhibitions, award-winning publications, unparalleled festivals, and innovative educational programs. Dedicated to connecting Indigenous creativity to the world, the Heard showcases the beauty and vitality of Indigenous

creative expression by presenting the voice and vision of American Indian artists. A welcoming destination for children and families, the Heard offers engaging experiences that inspire curiosity and foster appreciation for American Indian art and culture. The Heard Museum is supported by the generosity of Heard Museum members and donors, the Arizona Commission on the Arts, and the City of Phoenix Office of Arts and Culture.

About MOLLY OF DENALI®

MOLLY OF DENALI is produced by GBH Kids and its animation partner, Atomic Cartoons. MOLLY OF DENALI involves Alaska Native and Indigenous voices in all aspects of the production, both on screen and behind the scenes. Every Indigenous character is voiced by an Indigenous actor, including Molly, voiced by Alaska Native Sovereign Bill (Tlingit and Muckleshoot).

Support for MOLLY OF DENALI is provided by the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, Rasmuson Foundation, The Arthur Vining Davis Foundations, Newman's Own Foundation, the GBH Kids and Education Fund, Cook Inlet Region Inc. and by public television viewers.

Alaska Native collaborators: Wilson Justin, Lorraine David, Rochelle Adams, Dewey Kk'oleyo Hoffman, and Princess Johnson. Language Advisors: Allan Hayton, Aassanaaq Kairaiuak, Joel Isaak, Lance X'unei Twitchell, Lorraine David, and Marjorie Tahbone.

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About GBH Kids

GBH Kids is one of the top producers for public media, creating educational content for kids, parents, caregivers and teachers, including iconic PBS KIDS programs such as the award-winning Arthur and Molly of Denali, digital series such as Scribbles and Ink, games, apps and podcasts. GBH Kids, based in Boston, also works closely with PBS LearningMedia, providing digital curricula for more than 2 million teachers across all 50 states. GBH Kids is committed to equity and access to educational media and the healthy development of all children. As the inventor of closed captioning and audio description, GBH is dedicated to making media accessible and inclusive. Find more information at gbh.org/kids.