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FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND FLORIDA HISTORIC CAPITOL MUSEUM TO DISPLAY 125-YEAR HISTORY OF FLORIDA PUBLIC HEALTH

TALLAHASSEE – The Florida Department of Health is recognizing 125 years of public health in Florida. The Department invites Florida's residents and visitors to attend the grand opening of the exhibit "125 Years of Florida Public Health" at the Florida Historic Capitol Museum on September 30, 2014.

"For 125 years Florida's public health efforts have shaped our state's development, allowing families, businesses and communities to grow and prosper," said State Surgeon General and Secretary of Health Dr. John Armstrong. "This exhibit highlights the impact of public health in our state and recognizes the hard work and commitment of the thousands of public health professionals who have helped create a healthy and safe Florida."

The exhibit will feature more than 50 artifacts from the Florida Department of Health and state archives of Florida, along with personal stories, interpretive text and historical photographs that illustrate how public health has developed over the years and adapted to meet the needs of Florida's growing population.

The exhibit will be on display at the Florida Historic Capitol Museum from September 30, 2014 to May 10, 2015. The grand opening will take place from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and State Surgeon General and Secretary of Health Dr. John Armstrong will speak at 6:00 p.m. The event is free and open to the public.

The Department works to protect, promote and improve the health of all people in Florida through integrated state, county and community efforts. To learn more about the Department's 125 year history, please visit www.FLHealth125.gov.

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