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President & CEO Melony Ward Announces Retirement

Winnipeg, MB – October 1, 2026: Canada's National History Society today announced that Melony Ward, President & CEO, will retire effective December 31, 2026, after more than 12 years of transformative leadership.

Since joining Canada's History in 2014, first as Publisher and Director of Business Enterprise, and then as CEO in 2023, Ward has been key in helping the society increase its impact. This includes overseeing a successful redesign of *Canada's History* magazine; transforming the youth publication program; expanding Heritage Fair participation; increasing partnerships; and facilitating increased philanthropic investment. And to share the Governor General's History Awards with more communities, she initiated touring the awards celebrations biannually.

"Leading Canada's National History Society has been the honour of a lifetime," says Ward. "History education is what we're all about. Wherever the conversation is happening, we are helping people understand our country and how it came to be the way it is. We're passionate about this work; we've been doing it for decades because we know how much it matters. I am very proud of our team, and I am confident that they, along with our dedicated board of directors and supporters, will build on our success."

"Our mission is to connect Canadians through history, and we achieve this through our publications and programs sustained by the generosity of our patrons, partners and funders and delivered by our incredible staff," says Canada's History Board Chair Natasha Pashak. "As President and CEO, Melony has done a fantastic job of building relationships with our stakeholders and increasing our impact. The redesign of our *Canada's History* magazine has been much praised, and 550,000 copies of *Kayak* magazine were distributed to classrooms last year. Melony has well positioned Canada's History to embark on its next chapter."

For more information on Canada's National History Society and the leadership transition, visit canadashistory.ca

About Canada's National History Society

Established as a charitable organization in 1994, Canada's National History Society is headquartered in Winnipeg. Our mission is to strengthen understanding of the complex and diverse histories of our country and their part in shaping contemporary Canada. We publish *Canada's History* magazine, *Kayak: Canada's History Magazine for Kids* / *Kayak: Navigue dans l'histoire du Canada*, administer the Governor General's History Awards, organize the Heritage Fair National Showcase, and provide history education professional development and classroom materials for teachers.