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STATEHOOD AND CIVIL WAR EXHIBIT ON DISPLAY IN BLUEFIELD

Charleston – The West Virginia Humanities Council’s flagship traveling exhibition, *Born of Rebellion: West Virginia Statehood and the Civil War*, is now on display at the Paine Gallery at the Bluefield Arts Center from now until February 3. Hours and information are available at www.barcwv.org.

This comprehensive, large-scale experience covers sectional tensions within Virginia preceding the Civil War, the violence and chaos of the war surrounding West Virginia’s formation and the difficult aftermath as the new state struggled to forge its destiny during Reconstruction. *Born of Rebellion* explores this tumultuous and complex era from a wide range of perspectives, including politicians, common soldiers, women and African Americans. Not simply a story of war and politics, *Born of Rebellion* conveys the complexities and pitfalls that accompanied West Virginia’s arduous journey to separation from Virginia.

“It has been such a pleasure working with Bluefield Arts and Revitalization Corporation to get *Born of Rebellion* in Mercer County for the holidays,” said Council Program Officer Kyle Warmack. “The Paine Gallery is a perfect display space for the exhibit, and we hope its time here provokes discussion about this part of West Virginia’s experience during the war and our journey to statehood.”

For more information about *Born of Rebellion*, visit wvhumanities.org and click “Traveling Exhibits” under the Programs menu. For more about the Paine Gallery, its hours of operation and other visitor information, please contact the Bluefield Arts & Revitalization Corporation at (304) 589-0239.

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