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Exhibit Title: Making Connections: The 40th Anniversary of Lowell National Historical Park

Exhibit runs: September 22 to November 3, 2018
Reception: September 29, from 2 to 4 PM

Lowell Gallery Partners with Lowell National Historical Park

Lowell, MA – As a longtime partner, the Brush Art Gallery and Studios is proud to host “Making Connections: The 40th Anniversary of Lowell National Historical Park.” Forty years ago, Congress established a National Historical Park in Lowell, Massachusetts. This exhibition, featuring objects from Lowell National Historical Park’s collection, celebrates the park’s anniversary. These objects enable us to reflect on the past, present, and future of Lowell and the Park.

Themed sections of the exhibit include: *Before the Park*, an introductory section of pre-Park objects; *Making the Park*, Lowell’s physical restoration; *Telling the Story*, education and interpretation; *Living Lowell*, Lowell Folk Festival and other cultural features; and *The Future Park*, visitor interactives and future plans and proposals. In addition to historical items, the exhibition also includes interactive elements and commissioned renditions of a futuristic Lowell National Historical Park.

Photo: U.S. President Jimmy Carter with Ted Kennedy and Paul Tsongas as he signs the creation of Lowell National Historical Park (1978).

The Brush Art Gallery and Studios is located in the Lowell National Historical Park across the courtyard from the Visitor Center. This dynamic and captivating place was originally founded by the Lowell Historic Preservation Commission, U.S. Department of the Interior. The Brush presents museum quality exhibitions, educational programs, and has collaborated with many other nonprofit groups. Artists occupy studio spaces to interact with and educate the public on a

weekly basis. Studio artists produce paintings, illustration, photography, jewelry, sculpture, ceramics, quilts, and handwoven items. Associate artists display work in the common area. The Brush Art Gallery and Studios is a nonprofit, 501(c)(3) organization. **The Brush is supported by the Lowell National Historical Park and Eastern National.**

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