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PHOENIX, Ariz. – Lecture and Exhibit to Celebrate the Irish in Latin America

Friday Nov. 30, 2018, 7-10pm

The McClelland Library is excited to announce the grand opening of its newest exhibit, *The Irish in Latin America*, on the evening of Friday, November 30th at the Irish Cultural Center and McClelland Library in downtown Phoenix.

A special Grand Opening of the exhibit will be held for the public on Friday, November 30<sup>th</sup> at 7pm, and will be preceded by a lecture by Dublin author, Tim Fanning, author of the book, *Paisanos: The Forgotten Irish Who Changed the Face of Latin America*. The lecture and exhibit will be free to the public on the night of November 30<sup>th</sup>, however donations will gladly be accepted.

*The Irish in Latin America* is a traveling exhibit put together by Ireland's Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade. The exhibit was first launched in Mexico City in October of 2016 and spans the history of Irish immigrants and their descendants across Latin America from 1611-1968. The twenty-three informative panels will be available for public viewing from November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018 through June 27<sup>th</sup>, 2019 in the McClelland Library's Exhibit Hall. Tickets to the limited-time exhibition are available at the McClelland Library.

Latin America, which is often defined as the countries in North and South America where Romance Languages are now predominantly spoken, is home to many incredible stories of Irish immigration. From Irish soldiers who aligned themselves to the Spanish crown to Argentine Admirals, Irish immigrants were in the thick of modern history across the two continents. While Irish immigration during the famine has left a lasting influence on the United States and Canada, it is not the only immigration story of how the Irish came to find a home on the American continents. Many more Irish immigration stories exist in different times and in different places in the Americas, such as the story of Irish immigration is that of the Irish in Latin America.

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The Irish Cultural Center and McClelland Library are located at 1106 North Central Avenue in Downtown Phoenix.

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The mission of the Irish Cultural Center is to provide a link between the people of Arizona and the people of Ireland and other Celtic cultures. The goal of the McClelland Library is to make accessible a comprehensive collection of materials on Ireland and the Irish diaspora on the role of Irish-Americans in Arizona and the Western United States. The Irish Cultural Center and McClelland Library are divisions of the Irish Cultural & Learning Foundation, Inc., a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit corporation, and are owned and maintained by the City of Phoenix Parks and Recreation Department.