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2019 COMMEMORATION PARTNERS WITH TOM TOM FOUNDERS FESTIVAL

WILLIAMSBURG, VA (January 5, 2017) – The 2019 Commemoration has announced a partnership with the Tom Tom Founders Festival (TTFF). On Jan. 12, Kathy J. Spangler, 2019 Commemoration Executive Director, joined TTFF stakeholders and supporters at their meeting and reception in Charlottesville, Va. to launch 2017 national programming.

During her presentation about the American Evolution™ theme, Spangler said, “The partnership between the commemoration and Tom Tom Founders Festival will amplify 400 years of Virginia’s innovative spirit.”

The TTFF will be held April 10-16 in Charlottesville. It is a one-of-a-kind weeklong celebration of the power of innovation, entrepreneurship, and community incorporating business, technology, local food, music, art and leadership. This year’s Festival will feature Farm to Table Restaurant Week, Block Parties, City as Canvas, Future Forum and Prochella, and three high-impact summits:

Founders Summit – outstanding group of the nation’s most influential innovators

Hometown Summit – convenes hundreds of urbanism experts and civic leaders to discuss the role of small cities in the new innovation economy

Youth Summit – students, educators, and civic leaders share the wisdom of their experiences and help budding innovators prepare to tackle challenges

Spangler added that, “the 2019 Commemoration is pleased to partner with Tom Tom Founders Festival in the promotion of democracy, diversity and opportunity, themes which were forged in 1619 Virginia have been shaping American ever since.”

For more information about the 2019 Commemoration, visit AmericanEvolution2019.com.

About the 2019 Commemoration

The 2019 Commemoration, AMERICAN EVOLUTION™, highlights events that occurred in Virginia in 1619 that continue to influence America today. Featured programs, events and legacy projects will position Virginia as a leader in education, tourism and economic development. AMERICAN EVOLUTION™ commemorates the ongoing journey toward the key ideals of democracy, diversity and opportunity.