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**STANTON TO RECEIVE CROWNINSHIELD AWARD:
NATIONAL TRUST'S HIGHEST HONOR**

Washington, D.C.—Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP) Expert Member Robert G. Stanton will receive the National Trust for Historic Preservation's highest national recognition Nov. 17 at the PastForward Conference in Chicago, Illinois. Stanton will give the keynote address to conference attendees after receiving the Louise du Pont Crowninshield Award. The National Trust notes this award is “made with the greatest care and only when there is indisputable evidence of superlative achievement over time in the preservation and interpretation of our cultural, architectural or maritime heritage, including buildings, architecture, districts, archaeology, cultural landscapes, and objects of significance in the history and culture of the United States.”

Stanton's long career in the field of heritage preservation and conservation began in Grand Teton National Park in Wyoming where he served as a seasonal park ranger in 1962, an appointment made possible through the leadership of then-Secretary of the Interior Stewart Lee Udall. Stanton has dedicated his life work to improving the preservation and management of the nation's rich and diverse natural and cultural resources. He held key management and executive positions including Park Management Assistant, Park Superintendent, Deputy Regional Director, Regional Director, Assistant Director, and Associate Director. He was unanimously confirmed by the U.S. Senate as the 15th director of the National Park Service (NPS) in 1997 and served until the end of the Clinton Administration.

“I am deeply honored to receive this prestigious award from the National Trust for Historic Preservation,” Stanton said. “I am humbled by their recognition of my career and hope I can continue to work to raise the level of knowledge and interest in our noble cause of historic preservation with our next generation of preservationists.”

Stanton was named an expert member of the ACHP in 2014. “Those of us who have been honored to work with Bob have been witness to his intellect, creativity, professionalism, personal depth, and integrity, as well as his calming good humor,” said Milford Wayne Donaldson FAIA, ACHP chairman. “Bob has been a groundbreaking part of the preservation and conservation landscape for 50 years. Since his time at Grand Teton, he has worked tirelessly to preserve special places and historic resources, mentor young people, and expand minority hiring at all levels in the NPS. He has served as an outstanding leader and a staunch advocate in this field for his entire career.”

Donaldson commended Stanton's ability to turn ideas into action: “He has truly put into practice the national goal articulated in the National Historic Preservation Act.”

Stanton's focus on bringing more diverse audiences into the preservation space has been apparent in the work he does for the ACHP to broadcast the message about the importance and benefits of historic preservation. As chairman of the ACHP's Communications, Education, and Outreach Committee, he has led two critical initiatives: “Building a More Inclusive Preservation Program,” and “Engaging Youth in

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Historic Preservation.” Stanton’s leadership role in engaging new audiences has sparked a preservation ethic in communities that may not, in the past, have considered historic preservation something that could benefit them.

About the ACHP: An independent federal agency, the ACHP promotes the economic, educational, environmental, sustainability and cultural values of historic preservation and advises the President and Congress on national historic preservation policy. It also influences federal activities, programs, and policies that affect historic and cultural properties. See www.achp.gov for more information.