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# PRESS RELEASE

## Eastern National Announces New Partnerships with Paterson Great Falls National Historical Park and Hampton National Historic Site

**FORT WASHINGTON, PA, March 19, 2015** Eastern National is proud to announce the formation of new partnerships with two national park sites, Paterson Great Falls National Historical Park in Paterson, New Jersey, and Hampton National Historic Site in Towson, Maryland. Eastern National will operate educational museum stores at both parks, and provide additional staff and assistance as needed.

Paterson Great Falls National Historical Park was established by Congress in 2009 to interpret America's early industrial heritage, and to preserve the Great Falls of the Passaic River, designated as a National Natural Landmark in 1967. Paterson, New Jersey, was established in 1791 by founding father Alexander Hamilton, as America's first planned industrial city. A system of water raceways that harnessed the power of the Passaic River and the Great Falls powered the numerous textile, firearms, and locomotive manufacturing mills in the area.

Established in 1948, Hampton National Historic Site preserves a remnant of an 18th century estate, owned by the Ridgely family from 1745 to 1948. The site includes a Georgian manor house, notable for its Georgian Revival architecture, extensive formal gardens, grounds, and the original stone slave quarters and other outbuildings. A variety of programs are available at the site, affording visitors an opportunity to experience what life was like on an 18th century plantation.

"We're thrilled at the opportunity to provide support to Paterson Great Falls NHP and Hampton NHS, two very diverse and historically important sites," said Megan Cartwright, Director of Retail at Eastern National. "We look forward to enhancing visitors' experiences, by providing a broad selection of educational products, whose sales will support interpretive programs at these sites."

Educational museum stores operated by Eastern National at Paterson Great Falls NHP will begin operation on April 21, 2015 and the store at Hampton NHS will begin operation on April 24, 2015.

*Eastern National, a not-for-profit cooperating association with the National Park Service and other public trust partners, promotes the public's understanding and support of America's national parks and other public trust partners by providing quality educational experiences, products, and services. Since 1947, Eastern National has donated over \$105 million to the National Park Service in the form of direct donations and grants, which support vital educational and interpretive programs in America's national parks.*

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