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NEW EXHIBITION CELEBRATES 70TH ANNIVERSARY OF JACKIE ROBINSON'S HISTORIC OPENING DAY FOR THE BROOKLYN DODGERS

*Brooklyn Historical Society highlights Robinson's impact on and off the field
as an athlete and civil rights leader.*

April 12, 2017 Brooklyn, NY—April 15 marks the 70th anniversary of the day Jackie Robinson debuted for the Brooklyn Dodgers in 1947. With this historic moment, Robinson broke the color barrier in professional baseball, signifying, once and for all, the end to segregation in the Major Leagues. Brooklyn Historical Society (BHS) has opened a new year-long exhibition to highlight his incredible legacy.

Until Everyone Has It Made: Jackie Robinson's Legacy, tells the story of Robinson the extraordinary athlete, and Robinson the dedicated fighter for equal rights. Among the many objects on view is the treasured Dodger's 1955 World Series Championship banner.

The story of Jackie Robinson's contribution to American history is told through historic photographs, never-before-seen home movies of Robinson, and artifacts. A Robinson baseball card, pin, phonograph record and comic book; numerous Dodger yearbooks and World Series tickets; third base from Ebbets Field; signed baseballs; a letter from John F. Kennedy to Jackie Robinson; and a letter from Robinson to sports writer Wendell Smith are just some of the unique objects on view.

During the 2017-2018 school year, BHS educators will offer on-site school groups a special exhibition-based program that uses Robinson's life as a springboard to discuss segregation, social justice, and protest. In addition, Brooklyn Historical Society is screening the two part Ken Burns documentary of Robinson's life on April 12 and April 19, free.

The exhibition is part of a partnership between National Grid and St. Francis College, and is made possible by generous funding with lead support from National Grid, and additional support from JP Morgan Chase and Peter O'Malley.

Until Everyone Has It Made: Jackie Robinson's Legacy

April 5, 2017 – June, 2018

Brooklyn Historical Society, 128 Pierrepont St.

On April 15, 1947 Jackie Robinson broke the professional baseball color line when the Brooklyn Dodgers started him at first base. This exhibition celebrates that seminal moment in American history by featuring an array of archival materials, photography, programs, and memorabilia, all of which tells a story that continues to resonate today.

About Brooklyn Historical Society

Founded in 1863, Brooklyn Historical Society is a nationally recognized urban history center dedicated to preserving and encouraging the study of Brooklyn's extraordinary 400-year history. Located in Brooklyn Heights and housed in a magnificent landmark building designed by George Post and opened in 1881, today's BHS is a cultural hub for civic dialogue, thoughtful engagement and community outreach.

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