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City of San Antonio Office of the City Clerk to loan hand-carved wooden City Seal to German museum for special exhibition

SAN ANTONIO (Feb. 14, 2014) – On Monday, February 17, the Office of the City Clerk will officially loan the original, hand-carved wooden City of San Antonio Seal to Deutsches Hygiene-Museum in Dresden, Germany. The hand-carved City Seal, created by Johannes C. Scholze in 1925, will be featured in an exhibit called "Migration and Diversity in Germany Today." The exhibit will explore contributions that persons of German Heritage made to the countries they immigrated to. The exhibition begins on March 8 and runs through October 12, 2014.

This exchange between San Antonio and Dresden showcases the strong ties between the two cities. San Antonio and Dresden shared an Economic and Cultural Alliance Relationship from 2009 to 2011 as a means to strengthen the synergies between the two cities, especially in the biomedical and cultural sectors.

"San Antonio is a proud international city with rich contributions from many countries and cultures. This is an excellent opportunity to highlight our strong economic and cultural ties with our friends in Dresden," Mayor Julián Castro said.

Scholze grew up in Pottshappel, Germany near Dresden where he learned the traditional craft of woodcarving. He moved to Texas in 1925 and started a local business as a master woodcarver and furniture designer. During his second month in San Antonio, then-Mayor John W. Tobin asked Scholze to design and carve a seal for the City of San Antonio. Scholze carved the seal out of oak wood and presented it to the City of San Antonio in September 1925. Hand-carved details on the seal include: The Alamo, (at the top), the Lone Star of Texas and the words "Libertatis Cunabula," which is Latin for "Cradle of Liberty."

Scholze resided in San Antonio until his death in 2005. The emblem was not designated as the City's Official Seal until 1981. At that time, City Council approved it to be used to

identify the City on all official documents and papers and it is still used for that purpose today.

For more information regarding the City of San Antonio Seal, contact San Antonio City Clerk Leticia Vacek at 210-207-7253. For more information on the exhibit, visit the Deutsches Hygiene-Museum at http://dhmd.de/index.php?id=2340

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