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**City of San Antonio Official Seal on Display in Deutsches Hygiene-  
Museum Exhibition in Dresden, Germany**



**SAN ANTONIO (April 3, 2014)** – In February, the Office of the City Clerk officially loaned the original hand-carved City of San Antonio Official Seal to Deutsches Hygiene-Museum in Dresden, Germany. The City of San Antonio Official Seal is currently featured in an exhibit called “Migration and Diversity in Germany Today,” which began on March 8, 2014 and is scheduled to run through Sunday, October 12, 2014.

German immigrant Johannes Scholze carved the City of San Antonio Official Seal at the request of Mayor John W. Tobin in 1925. The story of Scholze’s emigration from Dresden to San Antonio is just one story out of many. Approximately five million people emigrated from Germany to other countries between 1820 and 1920. However, Scholze’s story is unique for its optimistic character and enduring result – the creation of the City of San Antonio Official Seal. According to Martin Fenner, the Deutsches

Hygiene-Museum Registrar, the City of San Antonio Official Seal was chosen for the exhibit because it serves as a physical reminder of both the history and the still-existing links created by German emigrants.

The exhibit focuses on migration as a positive experience that contributes to a globalized modern identity. Visitors to the exhibit make their way through a symbolic layout of a city which features different groups of items. Each group of items represents a common shared space within a city, such as shops, a place of worship, and a market. The City of San Antonio Official Seal is located in the museum section of the exhibit, where it represents one of ten highlighted migration movements to and from Saxony, the region surrounding Dresden.

For more information regarding the City of San Antonio Official Seal, please contact the Office of the City Clerk at 210-207-7253.

More information on the exhibit may be found on the Deutsches Hygiene-Museum website: <http://dhmd.de/index.php?id=2340>.



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