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NEWS RELEASE

“The Flint Hills: A Kansas Treasure” Exhibit Opens at Dwight D. Eisenhower Presidential Library and Museum

There is something about the Flint Hills that makes it difficult to describe them and nearly impossible to capture. Photographer Jim Richardson has done both, documenting the beautiful Flint Hills through his photography in a 22-page feature section of *National Geographic's* April 2007 issue. To complement the National Geographic feature, the Travel and Tourism Division of the Kansas Department of Commerce has coordinated a year-long traveling exhibit featuring Richardson's photographs.

The exhibit, “The Flint Hills: A Kansas Treasure” opened on November 15 in the lobby of the Eisenhower Presidential Library and will be on display through December 2, 2007. The exhibit, which features 39 large photographs, is open daily from 9:00 a.m.-4:45 p.m. except Thanksgiving Day when the Library is closed.

"The Flint Hills beckoned because they provide a spectacular landscape in our own backyard," Richardson said in a press release from the Kansas Travel and Tourism Division website. "The Flint Hills should never play second fiddle to our nation's most recognized landmark landscapes."

Richardson is a Lindsborg resident and has contributed more than 35 stories for *National Geographic* and its sister publication, *National Geographic Traveler*. Richardson has been interested in the Flint Hills since his early days at *The Topeka Capital-Journal* and proposed the Flint Hills story to editors two years ago as part of the magazine's ongoing coverage of the world's most distinctive landscapes.

The April 2007 issue of *National Geographic* as well as posters of the Flint Hills are for sale in the Eisenhower Presidential Library Visitors Center.

For information on the exhibit, please call 785-263-6700 or toll free 1-877-RING-IKE. The Eisenhower Presidential Library and Museum is one of twelve presidential libraries operated by the National Archives and Records Administration, Washington, D.C.