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**NOTE TO EDITORS:** Hi-res images from the exhibition are available for download and publication at <https://bit.ly/2x00Kz9>

### **MUMMIES OF THE WORLD: THE EXHIBITION PRICELESS MUMMIES ARRIVE AT ARIZONA SCIENCE CENTER UNDER HEAVY SECURITY**

*The world's largest exhibition of mummies safely arrived under heavy security*

**PHOENIX (Jan. 30, 2019)** – Arizona Science Center today officially welcomed the highly anticipated arrival of *Mummies of the World: The Exhibition*. Center officials, representatives and supporters were on-hand to greet and officially receive the collection of 40 real human and animal mummies and 85 rare artifacts from across the globe, making it the largest collection of mummies ever assembled. This blockbuster exhibition, arriving in Phoenix straight from Budapest, Hungary, provides a window into the lives of ancient people from every region of the world including Europe, South America and Ancient Egypt, offering unprecedented insights into past cultures and civilizations.

To ensure the safe journey of these priceless mummies and artifacts, the nationally recognized traveling exhibition was escorted to Arizona Science Center by City of Phoenix police officers. Upon arrival, Arizona Science Center received the collection through a ceremonial transfer. A press conference followed to discuss the impact of *Mummies of the World: The Exhibition* and the importance of preserving cultures for future generations.

As the mummies are unloaded, curators and exhibition staff will work day and night to complete the installation of the exhibition. *Mummies of the World* takes visitors on a journey through one of the most interesting and rare mummy collections in existence. Each gallery holds its own unique stories, guiding visitors through a 4,500-year discovery of mummification from across the globe.

"This exhibition lets our guests get up close and personal with real human bodies that have been preserved," said Chevy Humphrey, The Hazel A. Hare President and CEO of Arizona Science

Center. "Our guests will be amazed as they learn about the mummies and how science has allowed us to uncover the real stories of these people who lived centuries ago. If there's an exhibition that will turn our minds onto science, this is it."

*Mummies of the World* will be on display at Arizona Science Center, located at 600 E. Washington Street, Phoenix, AZ, debuting the evening of Feb. 9, with the Center's Galaxy Gala, and open to the public Feb. 10 through Sept. 2, 2019. *Mummies of the World* requires a timed-entry ticket. Advance purchase is highly recommended. Guests can purchase tickets online at [azscience.org/mummies](http://azscience.org/mummies).

### **ABOUT MUMMIES OF THE WORLD: THE EXHIBITION**

*Mummies of the World: The Exhibition*, having been viewed by over 1.8 million visitors across the world, reveals how the scientific study of mummies provides a window into the lives of ancient people, offering unprecedented insights into past cultures and civilizations. The exhibition showcases galleries that explore the study of mummies linked to discoveries in modern medicine.

*Mummies of the World: The Exhibition* is generously supported by presenting sponsors Ellie and Michael Ziegler, and APS, BlueCross® BlueShield® of Arizona and U.S. Bank. *Mummies of the World: The Exhibition* is produced by IMG.

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### **ABOUT ARIZONA SCIENCE CENTER**

The mission of Arizona Science Center is to inspire, educate and engage curious minds through science. The Center, located at 600 E. Washington Street in downtown Phoenix, features more than 300 hands-on exhibits, live demonstrations, the state-of-the-art Dorrance Planetarium and the five-story Irene P. Flinn Giant Screen Theater. CREATE at Arizona Science Center®, adjacent to the main building, is the newest addition. This 6,500 square-foot community makerspace provides workshops, including 3D printing, laser cutting, woodworking and sewing. The Center offers programs for all ages, including Camp Innovation, Teen Science Scene, Professional Development

and Learning for Educators, and adults' night out: Science With A Twist. For further details, please visit [azscience.org](http://azscience.org).

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