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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:  
KING TUT**

**Boise, ID** - The Discovery Center of Idaho has partnered with Idaho STEM Action Center to bring *King Tut Treasures of the Tomb* to Boise. This world-class traveling exhibition will debut at the Discovery Center on May 1, 2020. *King Tut Treasures of the Tomb* includes meticulously crafted replicas of the pharaoh's sacred and personal possessions along with artifacts from the period surrounding Tutankhamen's reign. This exhibition will provide an engaging opportunity to help foster community understanding of anthropological history and archeology related to ancient civilizations.

Uncovered for the first time in 1922 by Howard Carter, Tutankhamen, known informally as King Tut, was entombed with thousands of artifacts that give us a glimpse into Ancient Egyptian life. Superbly reproduced, this magnificent collection of artifacts curated by the Origins Museum Institute preserves the mystery of one of the most astonishing archaeological treasures ever discovered.

The mission of the Discovery Center of Idaho is to inspire lifelong interest and learning in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM). With King Tut, the Discovery Center seeks to connect the community to the impact that sciences such as Archaeology and Anthropology have on our collective understanding of world cultures and history. These important sub-sciences employ STEM tools as scientists uncover the secrets of past civilizations using modern technology.

*Emily Mahon, Education Director at Discovery Center of Idaho:* "Lots of gold and an historic sense of pride are just two of the things the Treasure Valley of Idaho and the Valley of the Kings in Egypt have in common. I can't wait to engage our community in the many pathways of learning and crossovers between STEM and the Arts & Humanities that can be found by getting to know King Tut!"

Boise's own, Dr. Jan Summers Duffy of the OJ Smith Museum of Natural History at the College of Idaho is partnering with The Discovery Center's Education team to provide an expert voice in the development of our Teacher Resource materials, content and tour development for the exhibition.

*Dr. Jan Summers Duffy, Archaeologist, Curator, Egyptologist:* "The feeling when one walks into an open royal tomb in Egypt, such as KV62, the Tomb of Tutankhamen, (which I am privileged to have done many times) creates an immediate sense of being displaced into another time, another world, and to an ancient civilization which we know little about. We are enveloped by an ethereal sense of recall, or déjà vu, the

feeling of heavy death bringing forth an excitement previously unknown. Thus, wonderful things begin to appear and we gain immense knowledge about this ancient civilization. Our human curiosity about the past keeps us in constant search to learn about the meaning of life and death.”

### **Sponsors**

KING TUT exhibition is made possible by our presenting sponsor, Idaho STEM Action Center.

### **About the Center**

The Discovery Center is a non-profit 501(C)3 organization. The museum is an interactive science center featuring exhibits and educational programs that offer authentic, sensory experiences making science, technology, engineering, and math tangible for people of all ages and from all walks of life. As Idaho's only hands-on science center, the Discovery Center creates a community that is more scientifically literate, curious, and empowered to explore.

### **Admission Prices & Hours**

Admission prices will be FREE for members. For non-members it will be \$18 for adults 18+, \$17 for seniors 65+, \$16 for youth 2-17, FREE for children under 2. \$1 discounts for active military and veterans. We're open 10am to 5pm Monday-Saturday and 12pm to 5pm on Sundays.

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