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## PAUL M. KEEP JOINS HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF MICHIGAN AS DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT

LANSING, Mich.—On April 26, 2018, Paul M. Keep will join the Historical Society of Michigan as the organization’s Director of Development. Mr. Keep will work from the Society’s Lansing-based office, providing leadership for strategic fund-development initiatives, such as major and planned giving programs, annual giving, donor stewardship and recognition programs, grant writing, and public relations related to development.

“Mr. Keep comes to us with a wealth of fundraising, relationship-building and management experience,” commented Larry J. Wagenaar, Executive Director of the Historical Society of Michigan. “He possesses a great enthusiasm for the Society’s mission and will be an outstanding addition to our staff and leadership team.”

Prior to this position, Mr. Keep was a consultant with The Leadership Group in Grand Rapids, where he led strategic planning efforts for leadership development across Michigan.

Before that, he served as director of philanthropy and communications for Catholic Charities West Michigan and as an editor with MLive.com and The Grand Rapids Press. In those positions, Mr. Keep developed and implemented innovative digital and social media strategies to fund development.

He has also served on the boards of the Grand Rapids Community Foundation, Michigan Blood, Junior Achievement of the Michigan Great Lakes, the Michigan Press Association and the Historical Society of Michigan.

Mr. Keep holds a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from Miami University and a Master of Arts in Journalism from the University of Missouri.

The Historical Society of Michigan is the state’s oldest cultural organization, founded in 1828 by



territorial governor Lewis Cass and explorer Henry Schoolcraft. A nongovernmental nonprofit, the Society focuses on publications, conferences, education, awards and recognition programming, and support for local history organizations to preserve and promote Michigan's rich history.

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A high-resolution version of Mr. Keep's photo is available upon request. Contact the Historical Society of Michigan at [hsm@hsmichigan.org](mailto:hsm@hsmichigan.org).

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