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## AMERICAN HERITAGE SERIES RETURNS TO ORANGE COUNTY WITH SECOND MONTPELIER 5K RACE

## PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE MONTPELIER FOUNDATION

Orange, VA – The American Heritage Series, races designed to promote healthy living, community involvement, and engagement with historically significant sites, returns to Orange County with the second running of the Montpelier 5K Saturday, March 22, 2014. Packet pickup and race day registration begins at 7:00 a.m. The Kids Fun Run begins at 8:30 a.m. with the 5k race beginning at 9:00 a.m. Register online at <a href="https://www.montpelier5k.com/Registration.aspx">www.montpelier5k.com/Registration.aspx</a>.

The race's loop course will start adjacent to Montpelier's horse race track and will pass in front of the recently restored 18th century mansion. The American Heritage Series provides participants with a once-in-a-lifetime view of heritage sites like James Madison's Montpelier, while proudly supporting the mission of the organization and public cultural education.

"Madison was known to ride out around this beautiful property for inspiration and exercise and this race allows visitors to experience Montpelier in a similar way," says Kat Imhoff, President and CEO of The Montpelier Foundation. "This is a special opportunity for Virginia families to come explore our grounds and learn about the man we call Father of the Constitution."

Registration for the Montpelier 5K includes a race t-shirt and two general admission Mansion tickets. Awards will be given to the top three overall male/female finishers and age group winners while times and results will be posted on the website after the race. Food trucks will be on site for post-race refreshments. Participants and supporters are invited to picnic and explore the grounds at Montpelier throughout the day. For registration information, visit <a href="https://www.montpelier.org">www.montpelier.org</a>.

Montpelier is the lifelong home of James Madison, Father of the Constitution, Architect of the Bill of Rights, and fourth President of the United States. Montpelier is administered by The Montpelier Foundation, which seeks to inspire continuing public engagement with American constitutional self-government by bringing to life the home and contributions of James and Dolley Madison. The historic home and grounds are open to visitors and student groups throughout the year.

Orange County is located 72 miles from the State capital, Richmond; 75 miles from Northern Virginia; 87 miles from the Nation's capital, Washington, D.C.; and only 25 miles from Charlottesville. For more information, please visit <a href="https://www.visitorangevirginia.com">www.visitorangevirginia.com</a>.

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