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Alaska State Parks honored with history award

(Anchorage, AK) – The National Association of State Park Directors this week honored Alaska State Parks' Office of History and Archaeology with the 2018 Ney Landrum Park History Award for its commemoration of last year's 150th anniversary of the Alaska Treaty of Cession – the transfer of Alaska from Russia to the United States.

The award is one of several awards announced by the association on Thursday, Sept. 6 during its annual meeting in Sedona, Arizona. The awards program honors contributions and support of state parks and state park systems across the United States.

Throughout 2017, the Office of History and Archaeology worked with local, state, and federal partners to develop a better understanding of the history and significance of the treaty. The office assisted with events throughout the state to engage Alaskans in conversations about the treaty and its impacts, including at the Baranof Castle State Historic Site in Sitka, where the 1867 ceremonial transfer occurred and is annually re-enacted on Alaska Day. This site is significant in Tlingit, Russian, and U.S. history. The office worked with Alaska State Parks interpretive staff to develop a traveling exhibit and book on the treaty and administered grants for historical projects related to the treaty.

A list of the full range of activities for the treaty's 150th anniversary and educational materials are available at <http://dnr.alaska.gov/parks/oha/designations/150Anniversary>.

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