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### **WGTE PUBLIC MEDIA RECEIVES GRANT FROM OHIO HUMANITIES COUNCIL**

*WGTE Public Media to Produce Documentary on the War of 1812*

**TOLEDO, OH** - WGTE Public Media is currently in production of a one-hour documentary about the War of 1812 entitled "War of 1812 in the Old Northwest." This project is supported by a grant award of \$15,000 from the Ohio Humanities Council (OHC), a state affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities.

With support also provided by Buckeye CableSystem, WGTE will explore the War on what was then the western frontier of our nation, with close examinations of the battles that occurred in Ohio, Indiana and Michigan, as well as the social, cultural and ethical consequences for the combatants, especially on the Native Americans living in Ohio and the Northwest Territories. The War was vitally important to the history and development of Ohio and the American Heartland.

WGTE Executive Producer, Darren LaShelle states that, "The program explores the experience of both Native Americans and European American settlers in the Ohio region, with a focus on the adversarial relationship between General William Henry Harrison and Shawnee leader Tecumseh."

Work on the documentary has begun and it is scheduled to air on WGTE TV in the Fall of 2012, kicking off our state's commemoration of the bicentennial of the War's beginning. The program will be offered to other Ohio Public Television stations and the Ohio Channel, a statewide cable channel that highlights programs about Ohio. National distribution is also being sought for the effort.

The project is being advised by a group of distinguished historical scholars, including: Randall Buchman, Distinguished Professor Emeritus of History at Defiance College and City Historian, City of Defiance; Dr. Bruce Bowlus, Professor of History, Tiffin University; Peter Wilhelm, Professor of History, Northwest State Community College; and Dr. Andrew Cayton, Distinguished Professor of History at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio.

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