



## **Statement from the Benjamin Harrison Presidential Site on the death of GEORGE H.W. BUSH 41<sup>ST</sup> PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES**

We are saddened by the news of the passing of the 41st president of the United States, George H. W. Bush, and join the nation in sharing heartfelt condolences with his family and loved ones during this difficult time.

As we seek to remember President Bush's honorable legacy to our country, we also acknowledge and commend the George H.W. Bush Presidential Library & Museum for their work in preserving his memory and educating future generations as to the importance of public service in advancing the American system of self-government. As 23rd president, Benjamin Harrison, once said in eulogizing another president:

*"Great lives do not go out; they go on."*

The Benjamin Harrison Presidential Site publicly memorializes the passing of an American president with a tradition long-steeped in our nation's history, with the use of mourning bunting on the Presidential museum for a 30-day period. This national tradition was established at the death of the first president to die in office, Benjamin Harrison's grandfather, William Henry Harrison.

### **A note about a Harrison and Bush family connection:**

Only three families in American history have had close relations serve in the nation's highest office: John Adams and his son John Quincy Adams; William Henry Harrison and his grandson Benjamin Harrison; and George H.W. Bush and his son George W. Bush. More distantly related as fifth-cousins-once-removed, both Theodore Roosevelt and Franklin D. Roosevelt (also his nephew by marriage) served as presidents of the United States.

### **About the Benjamin Harrison Presidential Site**

The Benjamin Harrison Presidential Site celebrates the remarkable legacy of America's Hoosier President. The museum is a National Historic Landmark situated within easy walking distance of downtown Indianapolis and the bustling 16th Street corridor. The 1875 Italianate mansion is exquisitely restored and has an exceptional collection of more than 10,000 artifacts. Daily tours of the property include a 75-minute guided tour through the Harrison house and private quarters. Highlights include an awe-inspiring collection of Gilded Age finery, paintings, furniture and personal presidential gifts and mementos. The privately operated, non-profit organization receives no direct tax support and is dedicated to sharing the life stories, arts and culture of an American President to increase public participation in the American system of self-government. Find out more at [PresidentBenjaminHarrison.org](http://PresidentBenjaminHarrison.org)