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**Labor Day Weekend Marks the Grand Opening of Moulton Museum at
Moulton Ranch Center in Laguna Hills**

*The museum will celebrate the pioneer spirit and the history of Orange
County at September 3 community celebration*

August 15, 2022 (Laguna Hills, CA) - It's not every day we get to celebrate the opening of a new museum, and that special day will happen on Saturday, September 3 when Moulton Museum opens its doors to the public during a community celebration from 11 am to 3 pm at 25256 Cabot Road, Laguna Hills. Free admission throughout the day will be made possible by Moulton Museum Founding Partner, Moulton Niguel Water District. In addition, fun activities for kids of all ages - from yarn spinning demonstrations to a cow milking contest - will be on hand to memorialize the momentous occasion. The museum will also give tours of their new 4,000 sq. ft. facility and introduce guests to El Toro, Moulton Museum's mascot.

Prior to the public celebration, a September 2 private VIP reception with Moulton Museum's supporters, partners, members of the business community and various elected officials, will herald the Labor Day weekend's grand opening festivities. Media is welcome at both events.

The first Moulton Museum exhibition, entitled *1874: Into the West*, will be focused on the arrival of a 20-year old Lewis F. Moulton to Orange County 148 years ago. Stories and artwork will celebrate his arrival, as well as the development of the Moulton Ranch, which now includes

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Laguna Hills, Laguna Niguel, Laguna Woods, Aliso Viejo, and parts of Dana Point, and Laguna Beach. Future exhibits will be rotated, with the second exhibit entitled *Women on the Ranch*.

“Grit, hard work, taking risks, and achieving goals are part of the Moulton family core values. Through our exhibitions, Moulton Museum will share inspiring stories of people who showed these traits, and we are excited to partner with local schools, businesses and the community to bring their legacies to life,” said Jared Mathis, President of Moulton Museum, CEO of Moulton Company and great-grandson of Lewis and Nellie Gail Moulton.

The educational programming and historical archives that Moulton Museum will bring to the community are abundant. Moulton Museum is working with local school districts to make field trips accessible so that students may learn the history of our own backyard. Outside of the exhibit space, Moulton Museum will also have event space set aside for special events in the community.

About Moulton Museum

Moulton Museum, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, works to keep the history of Orange County and its ranching era alive. Moulton Museum is committed to heritage, community, and philanthropy. Its core values are reflected in its archives, exhibits, educational programs, and partnerships. For more information, or to support by becoming a donor and/or a volunteer, visit www.moultonmuseum.org.