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**Halloween in the Harbor: Governors Island Pumpkin Patch
and Trick-or-Treating Return this October**

September 26, 2018. Governors Island today announced its much-anticipated Halloween programming line-up. 'Pumpkin Point', one of New York City's only pumpkin patches, will return for its second year during the last two weekends of October with free fall-themed, family-friendly fun. Additionally, children and families are invited to come in costume for free trick-or-treating at the historic houses in Nolan Park on Saturday, October 27, from 1-3PM.

"This October, Governors Island is the easiest way to enjoy an affordable fall getaway for visitors of all ages," said **Michael Samuelian, President of the Trust for Governors Island.** "From the colorful changing leaves throughout the Island's sprawling new park spaces to a sea of orange pumpkins in historic Nolan Park, fall is in the air on Governors Island and all New Yorkers are invited to take a short ferry ride to delight in Halloween in the Harbor."

Returning for its second year, this time in historic Nolan Park, Pumpkin Point will bring thousands of ripe fall pumpkins to Governors Island. The patch is free to visit, and small and medium-sized pumpkins can be handpicked and purchased for a small donation that benefits the Friends of Governors Island. Surrounded by beautiful fall foliage and the village-like atmosphere of former officer's homes, this free fall spectacular will include free live music, and pumpkin painting with the Children's Museum of the Arts. Visitors can enjoy a fall beer garden and tasty treats including warm cider, mini pumpkin pies, "ghoulash", Blue Marble ice cream and more. Pumpkin Point will be open from 10AM-5PM the last two weekends of the 2018 season, Saturday, October 20 through Sunday, October 21 and Saturday, October 27 through Sunday, October 28.

In addition to Pumpkin Point, Governors Island will host its second annual free Trick-or-Treating on Saturday, October 27. Families are encouraged to dress up in costume and wander from porch to porch of the historic former officers' homes of Nolan Park, where the Island's arts and cultural organizations, staff and volunteers will hand out free candy and other treats. Trick-or-Treating will take place Saturday, October 27 only from 1PM-3PM.

"We're offering all New Yorkers the chance to experience a true 'small town Halloween' feeling without leaving the City," said **Merritt Birnbaum, Executive Director of the Friends of Governors Island.** "Everyone is invited to our car-free oasis to crunch through the autumn leaves, trick-or-treat at real wooden porches, and pick the perfect pumpkin to take home."

In 2017, Governors Island extended its season through October 31 for the first time. Last October, nearly 50,000 visitors enjoyed the Island's spectacular park spaces, fall foliage and Halloween programming. This year, Governors Island is open to the public seven days a week through October 31 from 10 AM to 6 PM weekdays and from 10 AM to 7 PM weekends.

This year's Pumpkin Point and Trick-or-Treating events are presented by the Trust for Governors Island and the Friends of Governors Island. Generous support for the events is

provided by Bloomberg Philanthropies. Any pumpkins left over from Pumpkin Point will be baked into pumpkin pies and donated to [The Bowery Mission](#), which serves homeless and hungry New Yorkers, or composted on Governors Island by Earth Matter, which runs the Island's Compost Learning Center.

For a full calendar of events, exhibitions and activities on Governors Island this fall, as well as visitor and ferry information, visit www.govisland.org.

About The Trust for Governors Island

The Trust for Governors Island is the nonprofit corporation created by the City of New York that is responsible for the redevelopment and operation of 150 acres of Governors Island. The Trust's mission is to transform Governors Island into a vibrant resource for New York City, making this island at the center of New York Harbor a destination with extraordinary public open space, as well as educational, not-for-profit and commercial facilities.

About the Friends of Governors Island

The Friends of Governors Island is an independent nonprofit that works to ensure the Island's continued growth and accessibility as a vibrant public resource. As the designated fundraising partner of the Trust for Governors Island and the National Park Service, the Friends stewards the Island's green spaces, enhances the visitor experience and builds a community dedicated to the Island's future.

For more information, visit www.govisland.org.

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