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## **“Elizabeth City H.A.S. It!” Sites to Celebrate Launch with Special Program, News and First Friday Art Walk, Feb. 4**

(Elizabeth City, N.C., Jan. 21, 2011) – Mark your calendars—and get ready for a season of discoveries, when the [“Elizabeth City H.A.S. It!”](#) sites host a collaborative launch party and celebration, Feb. 4 at locations along the downtown waterfront.

Representing history, arts and science attractions in the Elizabeth City area, the H.A.S. It! initiative was begun last year when the trio of sites decided to promote their facilities collectively and find new ways to enhance their visibility.

The celebration, which is open to the public, starts at 4 p.m. in the Museum of the Albemarle auditorium with a special program announcing a new blog, [www.ElizabethCityHasIt.com](http://www.ElizabethCityHasIt.com), created by the Elizabeth City Area Convention & Visitors Bureau. In addition, the partners will relay news of upcoming HAS It!-themed events and plans for an online trivia contest.

Following the program, from 5-7 p.m., residents are invited to attend an open house at Port Discover and join the inaugural First Friday Art Walk at The Center. To be held monthly, February’s Art Walk will feature a mixed media exhibition at The Center by Elizabeth City artist Alexis Joyner, an open house at Red Rabbit Art Gallery and a demo by jeweler Amanda Drozdowski at City Wine Sellar, followed by live music from Chuck Hodges and Friends starting at 7 p.m.

During the First Friday events, parents may register children, ages 4 and up, for a special “Kids Night In” program at Port Discover for \$5. Youngsters will

participate in kid-friendly science activities, while parents enjoy strolling and exploring the art of downtown Elizabeth City. Space is limited, and reservations are encouraged.

For additional information about the H.A.S. It! launch party and celebration, call the Elizabeth City Area Convention & Visitors Bureau at (252) 335-5330 or visit [www.DiscoverElizabethCity.com](http://www.DiscoverElizabethCity.com).

### **About Elizabeth City**

Elizabeth City is located in Northeastern North Carolina on the Intracoastal Waterway, halfway between Virginia Beach and the Outer Banks. Known as the “Harbor of Hospitality®,” the city has six National Register Historic Districts and is home to the Museum of the Albemarle, The Center at Arts of the Albemarle, Elizabeth City State University Planetarium, Port Discover Hands-on Science Center and the nation’s largest U.S. Coast Guard base. Nature-based travelers are drawn to the area’s proximity to Dismal Swamp and the abundance of outdoor recreational offerings. For additional information, call Elizabeth City Area Convention & Visitors Bureau at 1-866-ECity-4U (1-866-324-8948) or (252) 335-5330 or visit [www.DiscoverElizabethCity.com](http://www.DiscoverElizabethCity.com).

