

## Values Statement

The 41-county area in Western Missouri and Eastern Kansas Freedom's Frontier National Heritage Area is recognized as an area of special historical importance. Our story is one of conflict and struggle between regions and peoples seeking differing visions of freedom and liberty. From the opening of the frontier, through the Border War and continuing today, our area has often been at the nexus of the clashes in American history.

The Board of Trustees endorses and supports the nine Guiding Principles of FFNHA as set forth in the Management Plan.

We will assist our partner groups in telling the stories of their communities well, while also showing how those stories fit into broader regional history.

We will seek in our decisions to provide the best results for the highest number of our partners and for the communities they serve. All parties to any decision will be treated with respect, integrity and honesty.

We will provide good stewardship of the funds of the organization and to maintain high standards of governance.