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THE NATIONAL CONSTITUTION CENTER CELEBRATES EARTH DAY WITH JEFFREY SACHS

Philadelphia, PA (April 4, 2008) – The National Constitution Center will celebrate Earth Day with the next addition of the *Red, White, Blue and Green* speaker series. “The Global Environment” will feature economic advisor **Jeffrey D. Sachs**, who will provide an assessment of the environmental factors that threaten global prosperity, and a practical set of solutions based on a new economic paradigm for a crowded planet. **Bill Blakemore** of ABC News will moderate. The program will take place on Tuesday, April 22, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. Admission is \$12 for members, \$15 for non-members, and \$6 for K-12 students and teachers. Reservations are required and can be made by calling 215.409.6700.

Jeffrey D. Sachs is the Director of the Earth Institute at Columbia University and Special Advisor to United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-Moon on the Millennium Development Goals. He is widely considered to be the leading international economic advisor of his generation. Sachs is the author of the *New York Times* bestseller, *The End of Poverty*, and the forthcoming book, *Common Wealth: Economics for a Crowded Planet*. Sachs has been in the forefront of the challenges of economic development, poverty alleviation, and enlightened globalization for more than 20 years. He has focused on promoting policies designed to help all parts of the world benefit from expanding economic opportunities.

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Bill Blakemore has spearheaded ABC's coverage of global warming, traveling from the tropics to polar regions to report on the impacts and dangers of climate change, as well as possible solutions for it. He helped create ABC's new multiplatform exploration of global warming in TV, Internet, podcast, radio, and print formats. Blakemore has been a reporter for ABC News for more than 35 years, covering a wide variety of stories.

A book sale and signing will follow the program, courtesy of Joseph Fox Bookshop.

The *Red, White, Blue and Green* program series at the National Constitution Center features conversations with nationally respected scholars, practitioners, advocates, executives, and government officials about unique constitutional issues pertaining to environmental policy and stewardship. From issues of economic and national security to questions of states' rights and federalism, this wide-ranging series generates balanced, thought-provoking exchange and sheds light on the relevancy of the environment and the Constitution in every day life.

The National Constitution Center, located at 525 Arch St. on Philadelphia's Independence Mall, is an independent, nonpartisan, nonprofit organization dedicated to increasing public understanding of the U.S. Constitution and the ideas and values it represents. The Center serves as a museum, an education center, and a forum for debate on constitutional issues. The museum dramatically tells the story of the Constitution from Revolutionary times to the present through more than 100 interactive, multimedia exhibits, film, photographs, text, sculpture and artifacts, and features a powerful, award-winning theatrical performance, "Freedom Rising". The Center also houses the Annenberg Center for Education and Outreach, which serves as the hub for national constitutional education. Also, as a nonpartisan forum for constitutional discourse, the Center presents – without endorsement – programs that contain diverse viewpoints on a broad range of issues. For more information, call 215.409.6700 or visit www.constitutioncenter.org.

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