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NATIONAL CONSTITUTION CENTER OFFERS EXTENDED HOURS AT A DISCOUNTED RATE DURING 5 AFTER 5 PROGRAM

Includes discounted admission to the Diana: A Celebration exhibition

Philadelphia, PA (October 29, 2009) – Beginning Thursday, November 5, from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., visitors are invited to enjoy the National Constitution Center at a discounted rate during the special evening hours program, **5 After 5**. An extension of the highly successful program that launched last summer, *5 After 5* offers visitors the chance to explore the Center and partake in additional programming from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on the first Thursday of every month. [Please note: *5 After 5* will not take place during the month of January.]

For only \$5, visitors can enjoy the Center's main exhibition, *The Story of We the People*; the award-winning theater show, "Freedom Rising" (show times at 5:00 p.m., 6:00 p.m., and 7:00 p.m.); and an array of interactive activities, guided tours, and special programming that will change monthly.

On Thursday, November 5, guests are invited to the opening of the Center's newest exhibition, *Posters for the People*, exploring the social landscape of America during the New Deal through posters created by the Works Progress Administration (WPA). Throughout the evening, visitors will also have the chance to discuss the WPA artwork with a curator from the exhibition.

Visitors can also tour the *Diana: A Celebration* exhibition for only \$16 (regularly priced at \$23). In conjunction with *Diana: A Celebration*, visitors can take part in an interactive presentation, *A British Invasion!* to learn more about America's fascinating relationship with England and the impact of the British Monarchy on our government and culture.

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Guests will discover which current cultural traditions stemmed from practices our Founding Fathers learned from the British in the 1700s, and which pop cultural icons crossed the Atlantic to affect our perspective on music, movies, literature, and more. Participants will learn how the BBC changed international news, make Union Jack flags, and even play Beatles Rock Band.

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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