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NATIONAL CONSTITUTION CENTER EXTENDS DATES OF *DIANA: A CELEBRATION* EXHIBITION

Open until midnight from January 1 through January 3, 2010

Philadelphia, PA (December 1, 2009) – Due to popular demand, the *Diana: A Celebration* exhibition at the National Constitution Center, originally slated to close on December 31, 2009, will remain on display through January 3, 2010. Additionally, the Center is offering extended hours from 9:30 a.m. to midnight from January 1 through January 3, 2010. Visitors will not want to miss this award-winning exhibition before it travels to the Boisfeuillet Jones Atlanta Civic Center in Georgia.

Tickets to the exhibition are timed; final entry is at 11:00 p.m. during extended hours. Admission includes tickets to the Center's signature theater show, "Freedom Rising" (final show at 10:00 p.m. during extended hours), and the main exhibition, *The Story of We the People*.

Diana: A Celebration made its East Coast debut at the Center on October 2, 2009, returning to the United States for the first time since 2007. The exhibition is on loan from the Althorp Estate, the Spencer Family's 500-year-old ancestral home in England.

"The exhibition has resonated with visitors," said National Constitution Center President and CEO David Eisner. "By extending the dates we're ensuring that more people will be able to visit this stirring tribute to Princess Diana while also experiencing everything else the Center has to offer."

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Covering 10,000 square feet, *Diana: A Celebration* features over 150 artifacts organized into nine galleries: Childhood, Spencer Women, Engagement, Royal Wedding, Tiara Gallery, Style & Fashion, Her Work, Tribute, and Condolences. Highlights include:

- Diana's royal wedding gown, diamond tiara, veil, 25-ft. train, shoes, parasol, and bridesmaid's dress
- 28 dresses, suits, and gowns designed by Versace, Valentino, Chanel, and Azagury, among others, worn by Diana during her public life
- Musical score and handwritten lyrics of the Elton John/Bernie Taupin composition dedicated to Diana and adapted from "Candle in the Wind"
- Original heritage, 17th and 18th century family paintings from the Althorp Estate
- The original, hand-edited text of Charles Spencer's moving tribute to his sister, delivered at Diana's funeral in Westminster Abbey
- Home movies of Diana's childhood, historical artifacts, personal letters, photos, and heirlooms

The myriad of charities and causes Diana championed, including her pioneering efforts with HIV and AIDS patients, the homeless, and the campaign to ban landmines, are also featured in the exhibition. A three-screen video presentation highlights the hundreds of associations that continue to benefit from her patronage and energetic dedication. The world's grief at her untimely death is dealt with sensitively, in a display of books of condolence and space for reflection and remembrance.

Admission to *Diana: A Celebration* is \$23 for adults, \$21 for seniors ages 65 and up, and \$15 for children ages 4-12. Active military personnel and children ages 3 and under are free. Group rates are also available. Admission to the Center's main exhibition, *The Story of We the People*, including the award-winning theater production "Freedom Rising", is included. iPod audio tours cost an additional \$5. For ticket information, call 215.409.6700 or visit www.constitutioncenter.org.

Diana: A Celebration is produced by Arts and Exhibitions International, in association with the Althorp Estate, Cultural Networks International Inc. The exhibition is presented locally by Macy's, and CBS 3 and The CW Philly are the official media partners. CBS 3 (KYW-TV) and The CW Philly 57 (WPSG-TV) are part of CBS Television Stations, a division of CBS Corporation.

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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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