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LIVE WEBCAST AS STEVEN SPIELBERG IS HONORED WITH NATIONAL CONSTITUTION CENTER'S 2009 LIBERTY MEDAL

Award to be presented by President William J. Clinton

Philadelphia, PA (September 28, 2009) – The National Constitution Center, in partnership with WPVI-TV, will webcast the 2009 Liberty Medal ceremony live on www.6abc.com, making the event available to a worldwide audience. A link to the webcast will also be provided on www.constitutioncenter.org. The public ceremony will take place on Thursday, October 8, 2009, at 6:30 p.m. at the National Constitution Center in Historic Philadelphia. The event will also be broadcast on WPVI-TV on Sunday, October 18, 2009, at 7:00 p.m.

The 2009 Liberty Medal will be awarded to filmmaker and humanitarian Steven Spielberg for his artistic and personal commitment to the preservation of human rights. Through his award-winning films, Spielberg presents stories of the struggle and triumph of humanity over tyranny. Spielberg also dedicates himself to gathering and archiving testimonies of survivors and other witnesses of genocide through the Shoah Visual History Foundation, ensuring future generations will never forget the tragedy of liberty lost.

“We are pleased to continue the tradition of providing global access to the Liberty Medal ceremony this year,” said National Constitution Center President and CEO Linda E. Johnson. “Steven Spielberg’s work has left a lasting and profound impact on the world, inspiring millions to better appreciate and protect the precious gift of liberty.”

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The Liberty Medal was established in 1988 by We the People 200 to commemorate the bicentennial of the U.S. Constitution, annually honoring men and women of courage and conviction who strive to secure the blessings of liberty to people around the globe. The Liberty Medal was administered by the National Constitution Center for the first time in 2006, when Presidents George H.W. Bush and William J. Clinton were honored for their bi-partisan humanitarian efforts on behalf of the victims of the tsunami in Southeast Asia and the hurricanes on the Gulf Coast. The 2007 Liberty Medal was awarded to Bono and DATA, the advocacy organization he co-founded to combat poverty and disease in Africa. Last year's Liberty Medal was awarded to former Soviet leader and Nobel Peace Prize winner Mikhail Gorbachev for his courageous role in ending the dangerous, decades-long Cold War and in giving hope and freedom to millions who lived behind the Iron Curtain.

Other past Liberty Medal winners include Nelson Mandela, Shimon Peres, Kofi Annan, and Sandra Day O'Connor. The Medal has also been awarded to organizations, including Doctors Without Borders and CNN International. Six former recipients of the Medal have subsequently won the Nobel Peace Prize.

Ira Lubert, of Independence Capital Partners, has renewed his support for the Liberty Medal ceremony and will sponsor the Liberty Medal Award in 2009. Citizens Bank is the presenting sponsor for the Presidents Reception prior to the Liberty Medal ceremony. The Liberty Medal is also supported by the City of Philadelphia and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

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. For more information, call 215.409.6700 or visit www.constitutioncenter.org.

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