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## **ONE THOUSAND TILES AND COUNTING: 9/11 MEMORIAL TILES CREATED AT THE NATIONAL CONSTITUTION CENTER**

Philadelphia, PA (December 8, 2006) – More than 1,000 tiles have been created in the National Constitution Center's *9/11: A Nation Remembers* exhibit for Tiles for America, a project dedicated to the memory of the September 11<sup>th</sup> attacks. As the *9/11: A Nation Remembers* exhibit nears its end on December 31, 2006, the National Constitution Center encourages visitors to come out and take part in this memorable event.

Throughout the run of the *9/11: A Nation Remembers* exhibit, which began on September 8, visitors have been able to design and decorate ceramic tiles with paint to create their own mini-memorials, giving them a chance to contribute their personal thoughts and reflections. Visitors are able to take their tiles home as keepsakes or leave them with the Center to add to the exhibition's "Memorial Fence", which is based on one of Jonathan Hyman's photographs in the exhibit.

Tiles placed on the Center's fence will become a part of Tiles for America, a memorial display in New York located at the corner of 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 11<sup>th</sup> Street. After the 9/11 attacks, ceramic studios across the United States came together to offer this creative outlet to our nation. Tiles have been created to reflect patriotism, courage, unity, and thousands of other emotions to show the affects this tragedy has had on families across America. The National Constitution Center is the only place in Philadelphia that is offering this opportunity.

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“Visitors to the exhibit have said that the tile project is the perfect way to end their experience,” said National Constitution Center President and CEO Joseph M. Torsella. “It allows them to express their feelings after witnessing the 100 photographs, and also provides a way for them to show appreciation for our fallen heroes.”

From September 8, 2006 through December 31, 2006 the National Constitution Center proudly presents *9/11: A Nation Remembers*, an original photography exhibition documenting how the American people responded to and remember the events of September 11th. This exhibition of 100 photographs by Jonathan Hyman inspires conversations about community, national identity, and how ordinary Americans have commemorated the day.

Admission to *9/11: A Nation Remembers* is free with regular museum admission of \$9 for adults and \$7 for seniors ages 62 and up, children ages 4-12, and active military personnel. Children ages 3 and under are free. Group rates are also available.

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. Opened on July 4, 2003, the Constitution Center is 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, serving as a nonpartisan forum for constitutional discourse, the Center presents – without endorsement – programs that contain diverse viewpoints on a broad range of issues. The Center is also the home of the Liberty Medal award, presented annually as a lasting legacy to the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Constitution. For more information, call 215.409.6700 or visit [www.constitutioncenter.org](http://www.constitutioncenter.org).

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