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NATIONAL CONSTITUTION CENTER NAMED ONE OF TEN GREAT PLACES TO TAKE CHILDREN BY AAA WORLD MAGAZINE

Philadelphia, PA (May 12, 2005) – The National Constitution Center, on Independence Mall in Philadelphia, has been cited as one of the “Ten Great Places to Take Your Kids” by *AAA World Magazine* in its May/June 2005 issue. The list focused on the Mid-Atlantic region’s athletic, educational, and fun attractions for kids of all ages.

The National Constitution Center was the only Philadelphia attraction to be given the honor, and one of only two museums to make the list. Other attractions included the NASA / Goddard Space Flight Center in Greenbelt, Maryland; the Herr Food Snack Factory in Nottingham, Pennsylvania; the Strasburg Railroad in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania; Pirate Adventures on the Chesapeake in Annapolis, Maryland; and the National Museum of the Civil War Soldier in Petersburg, Virginia.

“We’re a 21st century museum in that we’re not about artifacts under glass,” said Richard Stengel, President and CEO of the National Constitution Center. “All of the exhibits are about *you* in history, and make you an element in the storytelling, being able to interact with the exhibit — you’re in the history.”

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In the article, *AAA World Magazine* reports, “Devoted to exploring and explaining the Constitution, the [National Constitution Center] keeps little fingers busy with lots of buttons to push”. The author also refers to the Center as, “highly interactive with nice touches for the wee ones, plus a great location in Philly’s most historic square mile.” To read the full article, visit www.aaaworld.com.

Located at 525 Arch St. on Philadelphia’s Independence Mall, the National Constitution Center is an independent, nonpartisan, nonprofit organization dedicated to increasing public understanding of the U.S. Constitution and its relevance to Americans’ daily lives. Opened on July 4, 2003, 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”. Beginning June 10, the museum will also feature its first new traveling exhibition, *Lincoln: The Constitution and the Civil War*. The Center is open seven days a week, and admission is \$7 for adults and \$5 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. (Prices are subject to change.)

The National Constitution Center also houses the Annenberg Center for Education and Outreach, which serves as the hub for national constitutional education and debates, and as a home for visiting scholars. Also, serving as a nonpartisan forum for constitutional debate, the Center presents – without endorsement – programs that contain diverse viewpoints on a broad range of issues. For more information, call 215.409.6600 or visit www.constitutioncenter.org.

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