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## **BEAT THE HEAT WITH SPECIAL SUMMER ACTIVITIES ON AUGUST 14 AT THE (AIR CONDITIONED!) NATIONAL CONSTITUTION CENTER**

Philadelphia, PA (July 23, 2010) – Looking to beat the heat this summer? On Saturday, August 14, visitors to the National Constitution Center are invited to keep cool in the air conditioned museum while enjoying *Beating the Heat: Long Philadelphia Summers*, a special event that explores why summer is such a riveting time in our city's history. *Beating the Heat* is free with museum admission.

From the pivotal Constitutional Convention in 1787 to the tragic yellow fever epidemic of 1793 to unforgettable Live Aid concerts in 1985 and 2005, summertime in Philadelphia has never been dull! At 11:00 a.m., 1:00 p.m., and 3:00 p.m., visitors will explore the City of Brotherly Love's most memorable summer moments during an interactive program in the Grand Hall Lobby. At 12:00 p.m. and 2:00 p.m., visitors can take tours of *Signers' Hall* for a look at how the delegates to the Constitutional Convention spent their long summer days in Philadelphia in 1787. In addition, visitors of all ages are invited to create fans, kites, and other crafts to help them keep cool and have fun in the sun this summer.

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

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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](http://www.constitutioncenter.org).

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