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ANNE ELIZABETH SPECKER JOINS THE NATIONAL CONSTITUTION CENTER AS DIRECTOR OF CIVIC EDUCATION

Philadelphia, PA (November 8, 2010) – Creating exciting new partnerships with schools across the region and the nation will be the primary focus for **Anne Elizabeth Specker**, the National Constitution Center’s new Director of Civic Education. Ms. Specker most recently served as Chief of Staff to the First Lady of Pennsylvania, Honorable Marjorie O. Rendell.

Specker will oversee the Center’s National Teacher Institutes, manage projects in partnership with the Pennsylvania Coalition on Representative Democracy (PennCORD), develop civic education materials, and manage the Center’s Exchange program for high school students.

“Beth’s breadth of experience working in government, education, and the non-profit sector makes her a great addition to the Center’s team as we continue to build relationships with schools nationwide,” said National Constitution Center President and CEO David Eisner. “The programs Beth will oversee will help the Center fulfill its mission of energizing students to become active and engaged citizens.”

Prior to joining the Center, Specker worked for the Pennsylvania Governor’s Office of the First Lady in Harrisburg, PA. In her role as Chief of Staff to the Honorable Marjorie O. Rendell, Specker directed the operation of the First Lady’s Civics Initiative, PennCORD,

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which created professional development programs for teachers and student civic summits, a statewide video contest, a commonwealth summit on civics education, and curriculum material. In addition, she served as PennCORD liaison to the Pennsylvania Department of Education.

Specker also worked for Freedoms Foundation, a non-profit educational organization in Valley Forge, PA, as Director of Youth Programs and then Vice President of Educational Programs. She was responsible for organizing more than 48 educational conferences on civics, government, current issues, and American history and leadership for students from elementary through graduate school.

Specker earned a Bachelor's degree from Villanova University and a Master's degree from Eastern University. She currently resides in Berwyn, PA.

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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