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### ***NATIONAL CONSTITUTION CENTER PROMOTES BETSY MURRAY TO DIRECTOR OF ANNUAL GIVING***

Philadelphia, PA (July 21, 2005) - The National Constitution Center has appointed Betsy Murray to Director of Annual Giving. She was previously Membership Manager to the Center.

Murray came on at the National Constitution Center as Membership Assistant about five months before the official opening. She helped the membership base grow from 2,000 when she arrived to over 9,000 members at the time the Center's opened on July 4, 2003. As membership manager, Murray has been responsible for overseeing the entire membership program, the goal of which is to promote both the outstanding benefits of membership to the Center as well as the benefit of supporting an institution that helps teach people about the Constitution and what it means to be an American. As director of annual giving, she will continue to oversee the Membership program as well as the Center's 1787 Annual Giving Society of donors.

Murray started her career as Greetings and Proclamations Writer for Governor Tom Ridge's Office in Harrisburg. Next, she was appointed Deputy Director of the Governor's Southeast regional office (Philadelphia). In this position, she acted as the Governor's representative in the 5-County Philadelphia region, handling constituent cases, attending meetings and planning events on behalf of the Governor. She became active with the Independence Mall Working Group which is how she first learned about the National Constitution Center.

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Murray graduated Allegheny College in 1998 with a B.A. in Political Science. Originally from Pittsburgh, PA, she lives in Philadelphia with her husband, John Woolery.

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". From June 10 through November 4, the museum is also featuring its first new traveling exhibition, Lincoln: The Constitution and the Civil War. The Center is open seven days a week, and admission is \$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 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](http://www.constitutioncenter.org).

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