

# NATIONAL CONSTITUTION CENTER

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## CELEBRATE BLACK HISTORY MONTH WITH THE NATIONAL CONSTITUTION CENTER

PHILADELPHIA, PA (January 31, 2006) – Honor the tremendous contributions of African Americans to the history of our country by celebrating Black History Month at the National Constitution Center. During the entire month of February, museum visitors will be able to participate in a variety of activities while paying tribute to inspirational African Americans from the past, and at the same time honoring those who will continue to make history well into the future.

A highlight of the month-long celebration includes a game show held every day in the Domestic Tranquility section of the museum's permanent exhibition. This fun-filled game will test visitor's skills and challenge their knowledge of American History. In addition, on Saturdays throughout the month, children will have the opportunity to make themed craft projects such as writing their own versions of Dr. Martin Luther King's "I Have A Dream" speech and creating multicultural hand wreaths.

The Center will also highlight special artifacts and sections throughout its permanent exhibition to draw the attention of visitors to events and time periods related to African Americans in history and how they fought to become such an integral part of "We the People."

In addition, visitors will have the opportunity to stop by the Delegates' Restaurant, which will be featuring Soul Food Fridays throughout the month as well as serving sweet potato pie daily.

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## ADD ONE/BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Located at 525 Arch Street on Philadelphia's historic 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".

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).

*Benjamin Franklin: In Search of a Better World*, a blockbuster exhibition celebrating Franklin's 300<sup>th</sup> birthday, makes its world premiere at the National Constitution Center from December 15, 2005, through April 30, 2006. Created by the Benjamin Franklin Tercentenary, this exhibition is being hosted locally by CBS 3. Tickets for the exhibition, which also include regular museum admission, are \$14 for adults; \$12 for children ages 4-12, seniors, and college students; and \$8.50 for groups of 20 or more. For advance tickets, call 215.409.6700 or visit [www.constitutioncenter.org](http://www.constitutioncenter.org).

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