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THE NATIONAL CONSTITUTION CENTER CELEBRATES THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF EARTH DAY

Featuring Members of the Philadelphia Eagles and Other Eco-Friendly Organizations

Philadelphia, PA (April 2, 2010) – The National Constitution Center will celebrate the 40th anniversary of Earth Day on Thursday, April 22, 2010 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., as part of the Center's *Red, White, Blue and Green* program series. This year's celebration includes interactive activities and programs featuring members of the Philadelphia Eagles and other local, eco-friendly organizations. Visitors will learn about the responsibility of active citizens to protect our planet, as well as the environmental benefits of eating locally grown foods, testing homes for lead-based paint and other toxins, and preserving our park system. The Center's Earth Day celebration is FREE with museum admission.

To help raise environmental awareness, the Philadelphia Eagles cheerleaders and team mascot SWOOP will host a "go green" game show entitled "Recycle Bowl" at 11:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m., to teach kids about sustainability in a fun, interactive way. Children will also have the opportunity to make recycled paper and crafts from repurposed newspapers and magazines.

In addition, representatives from community organizations, including Agatston Urban Nutrition Initiative, Fairmount Water Works Interpretive Center, and the Pennsylvania Resources Council, will be on site to talk to visitors about their water, soil, and home environment, and share tips on how to beautify the community and reduce carbon footprints. Guests will also have the opportunity to register to vote, to ensure that environmental concerns are heard on both a local and national level.

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During a special program at 11:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m., guests will discover how environmentally friendly our nation was when the Constitution was written, and even calculate the Founding Fathers' carbon footprints compared to those of Americans today. Visitors can also learn about the relationship between the U.S. Government and the food industry during the "Food and Government: Sometimes a Sticky Situation" program at 10:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.

Red, White, Blue and Green is a unique program series in which nationally respected scholars, practitioners, advocates, journalists, citizens, and government officials engage the American public and discuss the unique constitutional issues pertaining to environmental policy and stewardship.

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. For more information, call 215.409.6700 or visit www.constitutioncenter.org.

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