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NATIONAL CONSTITUTION CENTER PRESENTS AN EDUCATORS OPEN HOUSE

PHILADELPHIA, PA (October 4, 2005) — Teachers and educators from throughout the region are invited to attend the third annual Educators Open House at the National Constitution Center on Tuesday, October 18, from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. This event is free, but registration is required. To register, call 215-409-6645 or send an email to smckissic@constitutioncenter.org.

During the Open House, educators will enjoy complimentary admission to the Constitution Center's permanent exhibitions, including the award-winning theatrical performance "Freedom Rising", as well as the Center's first traveling exhibition, *Lincoln: The Constitution and the Civil War*. Following their museum experience, they will hear brief presentations about the upcoming *Benjamin Franklin: In Search of a Better World* exhibition and the new National Constitution Center Partnership School, in cooperation with The Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History. They will also have the opportunity to talk to the Constitution Center's education staff about both classroom curricula and on-site programs at the Center.

In addition, educators will be able to receive free resources and materials from a variety of other history-based institutions located on or near Independence Mall, including the new National Constitution Center Partnership School (opening in September 2006), the African American Museum, Historical Society of Pennsylvania, National Archives and Records Administration, National History Day, and the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts. There will also be a complimentary reception with snacks and beverages by Max & Me, the Constitution Center's exclusive caterer, and music provided by the Girard Academy of Music Program.

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The Educators Open House is being presented under the auspices of the National Constitution Center's Annenberg Center for Education and Outreach. Through the creation of the Annenberg Center for Education and Outreach, the Constitution Center seeks to inspire a broader understanding of the Constitution and our nation's government on a daily basis. The Center provides content and methodology to K-12 educators about the historical perspectives and contemporary applications of the U.S. Constitution in our world today, through both on-site programs and Web-based technology. Last year, the Center welcomed over 250,000 students and teachers to its on-site program.

Located at 525 Arch Street 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. 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.

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