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### NATIONAL CONSTITUTION CENTER WELCOMES JANE EISNER AS NEW VICE PRESIDENT FOR CIVIC INITIATIVES

Philadelphia, PA (January 30, 2006) – Jane Eisner, a pioneer in Philadelphia journalism, has joined the National Constitution Center as Vice President for Civic Initiatives, a newly created position. Eisner joins the Constitution Center from *The Philadelphia Inquirer*, where she served for 25 years in various leadership positions. In her new role, she will be creating programs to further grow the Center's presence as a leader in national civic education and engagement.

"We are absolutely delighted to have Jane on our staff at the National Constitution Center," says President and CEO Richard Stengel. "As a journalist, Jane was a voice of clarity and wisdom, and she is also a nationally known and respected advocate of youth engagement. Her impressive history and work experience are a perfect fit with the Center's mission. We are confident that she will bring tremendous energy, excitement, and vision to her work here."

Eisner will assume responsibility for the Center's flagship Constitution Day programs and events, and also spearhead new projects, including a national institute for journalists and the Constitution, and other initiatives to engage young Americans in ongoing constitutional issues and values.

Before joining the Constitution Center, Eisner was a familiar face at *The Philadelphia Inquirer*. After serving as City Hall bureau chief, a foreign correspondent, and Editorial Page Editor, she began writing her column, "American Rhythms," in 2000. She is also the author of *Taking Back the Vote: Getting American Youth Involved in our Democracy*. In addition, Eisner is a senior fellow at the Robert A. Fox Leadership Program at the adjunct professor in the Political Science

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Department, Eisner has not only developed and taught courses, but also worked with faculty and students to create new leadership programs.

Eisner is also actively involved in the community, serving as President of the Pennsylvania Women's Forum, Trustee and Secretary of The Philadelphia Award, and a mentor for Philadelphia Futures, among other roles. She is a graduate of Wesleyan University, and she received her master's degree from Columbia University's School of Journalism. She resides in Merion, PA with her husband, Dr. Mark Berger, and their three daughters.

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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