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LOOKING BACK AT THE CIVIL RIGHTS YEARS WITH NPR'S JUAN WILLIAMS AT THE NATIONAL CONSTITUTION CENTER

Philadelphia, PA (September 5, 2006) – On Tuesday, September 26 from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m., join NPR and Fox News reporter and commentator **Juan Williams** in a *Citizens' Constitutional Conversation* as he revisits the companion volume that he wrote to the landmark PBS series in *Looking Back at the Civil Rights Years with Juan Williams*, which will be reprinted by PBS this fall. Tickets cost \$15 for non-members, \$12 for members, and \$6 for K-12 students and teachers. Reservations are required and can be made by calling 215.409.6700.

From 1954 to 1965, America experienced one of the most tumultuous and momentous periods in its history. Supreme Court Chief Justice Earl Warren declared that separate educational facilities were “inherently unequal,” overturning *Plessy v. Ferguson*; Arkansas Governor Orval Faubus squared off with President Dwight Eisenhower over admitting nine black students into Little Rock Central High School; and white authorities violently attacked hundreds of civil rights marchers as they left Selma, Alabama on “Bloody Sunday.” Today, events such as these continue to have resonance in a country where debates about social and political equality endure.

A senior correspondent for National Public Radio and a political analyst for Fox News, Juan Williams is also a former editorial writer, op-ed columnist, and White House

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correspondent for *The Washington Post*. In addition to *Eyes on the Prize: America's Civil Rights Years, 1954-1965*, he has authored a number of works, including *Thurgood Marshall: American Revolutionary* and *Enough: The Phony Leaders, Dead-End Movements, and Culture of Failure That Are Undermining Black America—and What We Can Do About It*, which is being published in August.

A book sale and signing will follow the event, courtesy of the Joseph Fox Bookshop.

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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. Opened on July 4, 2003, the Constitution Center is 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 and debates, and is a partner of NPR's "Justice Talking," a program of the Annenberg Public Policy Center. Also, serving as a nonpartisan forum for constitutional discourse, the Center presents – without endorsement – programs that contain diverse viewpoints on a broad range of issues. For more information, call 215.409.6700 or visit www.constitutioncenter.org.

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