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CELEBRATE OUR NATION'S INDEPENDENCE WITH FOURTH OF JULY ACTIVITIES AT THE NATIONAL CONSTITUTION CENTER

Philadelphia, PA (June 2, 2008) – Located in the heart of Historic Philadelphia with the world's best view of Independence Hall, the National Constitution Center is an ideal place for families and friends to celebrate our nation's independence. The Center invites visitors to join in the ***Feel the Freedom Festival*** from Thursday, July 3 through Sunday, July 6, 2008, to enjoy a variety of celebratory activities offered daily surrounding July 4th. All activities are free with museum admission.

Kids of all ages can participate in the Center's *Freedom Activity Trail* daily from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The Trail takes kids on a tour of the Center's exhibit spaces and main lobby where they will participate in different crafts and activities included on their Freedom Activity Trail Card. Kids can then redeem the card for a prize.

The Center's *Fourth of July: The Anniversary of Independence and the Great American Holiday Show* will take place daily at 12:00 p.m. and 2:00 p.m. From protests to canons, flag waving to parades, and complete with explosive words and fiery demonstrations, this interactive demonstration takes an in depth look at this exciting celebration by exploring it over time from the very first words of independence to present day.

Visitors can also get into the thrill of July 4th with our patriotic tattoos during the *Make Your Mark* event. Kids of all ages can visit our on-site "tattoo artist" to get their very own temporary tattoo.

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ADD ONE/INDEPENDENCE DAY

On Saturday, July 5 from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., the 5th Pennsylvania Regiment/4th Battalion will set up camp on the Center's front lawn, complete with an infantry unit, rifle unit, surgical group, and more. The Regiment will show visitors what life was like for soldiers during the Revolutionary War and allow them to experience colonial life through living history demonstrations.

On Saturday, July 5 and Sunday, July 6 at 1:30 p.m., visitors can also feel the beat and move their feet with the *Conestoga Angels Marching Corps*, an award-winning drill team from Philadelphia

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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