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## THE NATIONAL CONSTITUTION CENTER'S JURY SERVICE VIDEO TO BE VIEWED IN PENNSYLVANIA COURTS

PHILADELPHIA, PA (September 14, 2006) – The National Constitution Center is pleased to announce that its Jury Service Video—which appears in the Center's main exhibit, *The Story of We The People*—will be made available for use in each of Pennsylvania's 67 county courthouses. The Administrative Office of Pennsylvania Courts' (AOPC) Judicial Education Department will distribute the video throughout the Commonwealth for use with jury orientation.

"We are honored to have this video utilized throughout the Pennsylvania Courts," said National Constitution Center President and CEO Joseph M. Torsella. "The video explains the responsibilities we have as citizens to serve on a jury when we are called to do so. It is one of the ways the Constitution calls upon We the People to ensure due process of law."

A few months ago, Union County Common Pleas Court Judge Louise O. Knight visited the Constitution Center. After viewing the six-minute Jury Service Video explaining the importance of jury service, Judge Knight requested a copy to show to prospective jurors.

"The jurors so enjoyed the video that many applauded at its end," said Judge Knight. "Several prospective jurors commented that it not only clarified for them the importance of the jury selection process, but helped immediately reduce the 'resentment factor' from being summoned."

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## ADD ONE/JURY SERVICE VIDEO

The National Constitution Center is working with the AOPC to produce and distribute copies of the video to the state's 67 counties.

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](http://www.constitutioncenter.org).

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