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ABRAHAM LINCOLN'S CROSSROADS: A NEW INTERACTIVE WEB GAME CREATED BY THE NATIONAL CONSTITUTION CENTER

PHILADELPHIA, PA (February 3, 2006) – Just in time for President Lincoln's birthday, the National Constitution Center and Lincoln Financial Group are launching *Abraham Lincoln's Crossroads*, an educational web game designed for middle school to high school aged students. Designed as a companion to the traveling exhibition *Lincoln: The Constitution and the Civil War*, which debuted at the National Constitution Center in June 2005, the game invites students to take an in-depth and interactive journey into the life of one of our nation's most influential leaders. Students advise Lincoln as he makes important political choices that changed the course of our nation forever. To view the website, please visit www.constitutioncenter.org/lincoln.

The player is first introduced to Lincoln at a crossroad period in his life, forced to decide whether to remain a successful lawyer or return to the political field, his true passion. Asking for the player's advice on some of the more difficult choices he was forced to make throughout his career, such as the decision to defend Fort Sumter and to issue the Emancipation Proclamation, Lincoln prompts the player to make a decision themselves before revealing his actual choice and the consequences that followed.

Not just a game for students, the website is also designed as an information resource for teachers. The site provides links to additional websites that allow for an even more in-depth look at the life of Lincoln during the Civil War Era.

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The National Constitution Center is again partnering with the Lincoln Financial Group, the generous sponsor of the Lincoln exhibit, to produce the new website.

Lincoln Financial Group, with headquarters in Philadelphia, is the marketing name for Lincoln National Corporation, a company that provides annuities, life insurance, 401(k) and 403(b) plans, mutual funds, managed accounts, institutional investment and financial planning and advisory services.

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.

Benjamin Franklin: In Search of a Better World, a blockbuster exhibition celebrating Franklin's 300th 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.

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