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NATIONAL CONSTITUTION CENTER WELCOMES MELISSA CARRUTH AS NEW EXHIBITS MANAGER

PHILADELPHIA, PA (February 24, 2006) – **Melissa Carruth** has joined the National Constitution Center as Exhibits Manager. Carruth previously served as Exhibit and Program Developer for The Franklin Institute Science Museum.

“We are excited to welcome Melissa as a new member of our team here at the Constitution Center,” says President and CEO Richard Stengel. “Her expertise and enthusiasm will be very valuable to us as we continue to bring new and exciting changing exhibits to the Center.”

As Exhibits Manager, Carruth will serve as the point person for both permanent and traveling exhibits. Her numerous responsibilities range from developing and implementing new exhibits to researching artifacts.

Before joining the National Constitution Center, Carruth served in several capacities at the Franklin Institute for seven years. She received her master’s degree in museum education from the University of the Arts, where she has served as a guest lecturer. She received her undergraduate degree in American history from Lock Haven University. She also holds a teaching certification from Widener University. Carruth currently resides in Pennsauken, New Jersey.

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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 215.409.6600 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.gophila.com/ben.

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