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## NATIONAL CONSTITUTION CENTER LAUNCHES TWO NEW ONLINE EXHIBIT FEATURES

Philadelphia, PA (October 18, 2004) – Curious people can always click, play and learn on the National Constitution Center's website ([www.constitutioncenter.org](http://www.constitutioncenter.org)), but now there's even more to see and do! The Constitution Center is launching two new innovative features to its website – *Centuries of Citizenship: A Constitutional Timeline* and *Constitutional Minute*.

To help launch the two new features, the National Constitution Center is offering Website visitors the opportunity to enter the Constitution Center Website Sweepstakes and win four tickets to the Center and a U.S. Flag that has been flown over the Capitol Building in Washington, D.C. Deadline for entries is December 31, 2004. For more information, go to [www.constitutioncenter.org](http://www.constitutioncenter.org).

*Centuries of Citizenship: A Constitutional Timeline* is an online experience that highlights some of the key events in the Constitution's 200-plus year history. Visitors can browse through a collection of stories and headlines – annotated by images, audio and video clips, and interactive features – to explore some of the people, events and issues that have shaped our nation. Several of the interactive features and much of the text and images came from the National Constitution Center's award-winning exhibits and are appearing online for the first time. Major events occurring from the 1850s through the present are highlighted by archived articles from *The New York Times*. The timeline entries, taken as a whole, tell the evolving story of the U.S. Constitution and the continuing role it plays in our lives.

*Constitutional Minute* is a two-minute audio commentary from legal analysts and national scholars about recent constitutional issues in the news. This commentary, which will change every two weeks, is provided by the Center's two visiting scholars, Kathleen Sullivan, former dean of Stanford Law School, and John Yoo, Professor of Law at the University of California at Berkeley School of Law, as well as two other experts, Jeff Rosen, Professor of Law at George Washington University, and Doug Kmiec, Professor of Law at Pepperdine Law School. Some sample topics include what to expect from the Supreme Court this term, the potential impact of the Supreme Court's 2000 *Bush v. Gore* decision

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on the 2004 election, and the Supreme Court's upcoming decision on whether a government display of the Ten Commandments at public buildings violates the First Amendment's ban of "an establishment of religion."

National Constitution Center President and CEO Richard Stengel says, "These new online features allow people to explore the history and the contemporary relevance of the Constitution in a fun and accessible manner. Our website serves as a sampling of what the institution offers – an innovative and engaging experience for visitors of all ages."

Both *Centuries of Citizenship: A Constitutional Timeline* and *Constitutional Minute* were designed by NightKitchen Media, an interactive design studio located in Center City Philadelphia.

Other regular features on the site include *Constitutional Newswire*, a ticker of constitutional news stories from across the country that is updated daily; *Citizen Action*, a section in which you can write to your elected officials, track bills through Congress, and register to vote; *Interactive Constitution*, where you can explore the Constitution clause-by-clause and search for Supreme Court cases; and *For Kids!*, a fun, interactive game to save the Bill of Rights.

There is also a section devoted to Educational Resources, where teachers can take advantage of a suite of tools for teaching about the Constitution in their classrooms or preparing for a visit to the National Constitution Center.

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 its relevance to Americans' daily lives. Opened on July 3, 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 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 contains diverse viewpoints on a broad range of issues. The museum is open seven days a week, and admission is \$7 for adults and \$5 for seniors ages 62 and up, children ages 4-12, and active military personnel. Group rates are also available. For more information, call 215.409.6600 or visit [www.constitutioncenter.org](http://www.constitutioncenter.org).

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