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## **PRESIDENT FOR A DAY: CELEBRATE PRESIDENTS' WEEKEND AT THE NATIONAL CONSTITUTION CENTER**

PHILADELPHIA, PA (January 23, 2007) – Be “President for a Day” at the National Constitution Center as we honor two of our nation’s most beloved leaders, George Washington and Abraham Lincoln, as well as the other past presidents. Activities will be held Presidents’ Day Weekend, February 17 through 19, to celebrate the leaders who have held our nation’s highest office. Events will take place on Saturday from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., Sunday from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m., and Monday from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The “President for a Day” event is FREE and open to the public. Regular museum admission is not included.

A highlight of the weekend is the opportunity to step inside the shoes of our nation’s Commander-in-Chief and experience what it would be like to serve as “President for a Day.” Participants will have the chance to make their own unique presidential seals and campaign buttons. They will also have the opportunity to be sworn in to office by reciting the official Presidential Oath of Office. A compilation of campaign ads from past presidential elections will be shown, and Lincoln and Washington coloring pages will be available. Visitors can top off their “President for a Day” experience by choosing from a menu of some of our past presidents’ favorite foods in the Delegates’ Restaurant.

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## ADD ONE/PRESIDENTS' DAY ACTIVITIES

In addition, nearly all past presidents are represented in the National Constitution Center's main exhibition, *The Story of We the People*. Visitors can also stand next to lifesize and lifelike statues of two previous presidents – George Washington and James Madison – in *Signers' Hall*, where guests can walk among 42 statues of the signers and dissenters of the Constitution. General museum admission prices are \$9 for adults; \$7 for children ages 4-12 and seniors ages 62 and over; and \$6.50 for groups of 20 or more. Active military personnel and children ages 3 and under are free.

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. 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. The Center is also the home of the Liberty Medal award, presented annually as a lasting legacy to the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Constitution. For more information, call 215.409.6700 or visit [www.constitutioncenter.org](http://www.constitutioncenter.org).

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