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RICHARD STENGEL, NATIONAL EDITOR OF *TIME* MAGAZINE, NAMED NEW NATIONAL CONSTITUTION CENTER PRESIDENT AND CEO

Philadelphia, PA (February 2, 2004) – Richard Stengel, the national editor and an assistant managing editor of *Time* magazine, has been chosen to be the National Constitution Center’s President & CEO, John C. Bogle, Chairman of the Center’s Board of Trustees, announced today. In addition to his role at *Time*, Stengel, a Rhodes Scholar, is an author who has taught at the university level, and has served as a network on-air political commentator. Stengel will officially assume his new position on March 1, 2004.

“Rick brings a proven record of success across a variety of mediums and possesses a diverse group of talents that will be invaluable as the leader of a young, vibrant institution,” said Bogle. “His energy, initiative, creative vision and business acumen will ensure that the Center continues to exceed its potential as one of our nation’s most important venues for education, constitutional conversation and debate on local, national and international levels.”

“The National Constitution Center is an absolutely unique American institution,” said Stengel. “As a museum, it engages and entertains visitors in a meaningful and educational way about a subject that is vital in all of our lives. At the same time, it is also a place for debate and discussion related to the Constitution and issues that go to this

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nation's core. The prospect of fostering that kind of national conversation is very exciting to me."

Throughout his career, Stengel has cultivated an interest in politics and the mechanics of our democracy. As a senior writer and essayist at *Time*, he covered both the 1996 and 1988 presidential campaigns. In 1998-9 he taught a course at Princeton University called "Politics and the Press" before moving to a very different political arena in 1999 as a senior adviser and chief speechwriter for presidential candidate Bill Bradley.

As *Time's* national editor, Stengel is responsible for all domestic, Washington and political news. Prior to his work as national editor, Stengel worked as *Time's* culture editor and before that as the managing editor of Time.com, the magazine's web-site. Under his direction, Time.com became one of the top ten news sites on the web.

Stengel has written for *Time* for more than 20 years, but has written as well for *The New Yorker*, *The New Republic*, *The New York Times*, and many other publications. Stengel is an experienced television commentator having worked originally for MSNBC and he has been a frequent commentator on CNN over the years.

In addition to his work in journalism and politics, Stengel is an accomplished author. In 1990, he published *January Sun: One Day, Three Lives, a South African Town*, a book which traces the way apartheid affected the daily lives of three families—one white, one black and one Indian. In 1993, he collaborated with Nelson Mandela on Mandela's best-selling autobiography *Long Walk to Freedom* and served as producer of the 1995 Oscar-nominated documentary *Mandela*. He is also the author of *You're Too Kind: A Brief History of Flattery*, published in 2000, which looks at how the art and science of ingratiation has been used throughout history. That book has been translated into 12 languages.

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Stengel graduated magna cum laude from Princeton University in 1977, and played on its 1976 NIT-winning basketball team. As a Rhodes Scholar, he studied English and history at Christ Church college, Oxford. A native New Yorker, Stengel is married to Mary Pfaff, who is originally from South Africa, and they have two young sons.

Stengel succeeds Joseph M. Torsella, who announced in August 2003 that he would step down as president of the Center December 31, 2003 to run for U.S. Congress.

The National Constitution Center, located at 525 Arch St. on Philadelphia's historic Independence Mall, brings the story of the Constitution to life through more than 100 interactive and multimedia exhibits, film, text, photographs, sculpture and artifacts. The Center also houses the Annenberg Center for Education and Outreach, which serves as a hub for national constitutional education; programming and debates; and as a home for visiting scholars and experts. The National Constitution Center is the first museum in the country designated as a member of the National Archives Experience Alliance Initiative. For more information, call 215.409.6600 or visit www.constitutioncenter.org.

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