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RICHARD BROOKHISER TO DISCUSS GEORGE WASHINGTON'S LEADERSHIP AT THE NATIONAL CONSTITUTION CENTER

Philadelphia, PA (June 3, 2008) – Journalist and historian **Richard Brookhiser** will join the National Constitution Center for a timely conversation about America's first president as the nation examines the major party candidates in an effort to assess who can best lead the country. The program will take place on Monday, June 23, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. Admission is free, but reservations are required and can be made by calling 215.409.6700.

In his new book, *George Washington on Leadership*, Brookhiser argues that America's first president was also its strongest leader. Citing dozens of examples from Washington's life as a military officer, political leader, and business tycoon, Brookhiser shows how one man's struggles and successes over 200 years ago can still be a model for the leaders of today. From public health administrator to diversified agricultural businessman, from communicator to manager, Washington was a truly remarkable leader with modern sensibilities about commanding armies and building consensus.

Richard Brookhiser is the author of *What Would the Founders Do?*, *Rules of Civility*, *Founding Father*, *The Way of the WASP*, *The Adamses*, and *Alexander Hamilton, American*. He is the writer and host of the critically acclaimed PBS documentary *Rediscovering George Washington*, as well as a columnist for *TIME* magazine and a senior editor of *The National Review*. He has written for *The New Yorker*, the *New York Times*, and *The Atlantic*, among other publications.

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Alvin S. Felzenberg, author of the new book, *The Leaders We Deserve*, will moderate. Felzenberg is a visiting lecturer at the Annenberg School for Communication at the University of Pennsylvania and author of *Governor Tom Kean*.

A book sale and signing will follow the program, courtesy of Joseph Fox Bookshop.

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. The Center serves as 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, 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 215.409.6700 or visit www.constitutioncenter.org.

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