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THE NATIONAL CONSTITUTION CENTER INVITES GUESTS TO A “WHITE HOUSE WINTER WONDERLAND”

Philadelphia, PA (December 3, 2007) – Visitors are invited to join in the spirit of the season at the National Constitution Center during a “White House Winter Wonderland,” with fun-filled events for the whole family. In honor of the final week of the *First Ladies: Political Role and Public Image* exhibit, visitors can celebrate the winter season in presidential style with games, crafts, and contests that demonstrate how presidential families have celebrated the season throughout history. These events will take place from Wednesday, December 26 through Monday, December 31, 2007 from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Participation is free with regular museum admission.

Each year, White House pastry chefs display a decadent Gingerbread White House in the State Dining Room to celebrate the winter season. This year, the Center is inviting children from the region to show off their talents and create their own version of this White House tradition. Throughout the week, visitors will also have the opportunity to vote for their favorite Gingerbread White House. The winner will be announced on Monday, December 31 at 10:00 a.m. Contest details can be found on www.constitutioncenter.org.

During the “First Ladies Etiquette Workshop” at 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. daily, visitors can learn how to be proper guests at a White House event while learning about some exciting first ladies and how they mixed politics and White House social events.

In addition, families will have the chance to travel back in time to get a glimpse of daily life in the White House. Between 12:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m., visitors will meet “Gloria”, a young White House maid, who is setting up for tea in the Vermeil Room for Jacqueline

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Kennedy. Gloria will share some behind the scenes stories about life in the Kennedy household and will also pass along some delightful facts and details about many of our nation's first ladies. Gloria performs regularly on weekends, and can also be seen in special holiday presentations on Wednesday, December 26; Thursday, December 27; and Friday, December 28.

Guests will also enjoy favorite foods of the first ladies, which will be available for purchase in Delegates' Restaurant throughout the week. Specials will include Eleanor's American Dogs, Lady B's Lemon Squares, Senorita Bush's Fajitas, and Claudia (Johnson's) Classic Chili.

Visitors can further get into the spirit by making a variety of seasonal crafts, including foam snowflakes, mittens, and Victorian ornaments. Guests can also participate in holiday karaoke featuring seasonal favorites. On Friday, December 28 from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m., guests can warm up with a cup of hot chocolate and mingle with Rinky and the RiverRink's Skate Squad.

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. For more information, call 215.409.6700 or visit www.constitutioncenter.org.

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