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THE NATIONAL CONSTITUTION CENTER HIGHLIGHTS THE IMPACT OF WOMEN THROUGHOUT HISTORY

PHILADELPHIA, PA (February 9, 2007) – During the month of March, the National Constitution Center will pay tribute to the tremendous impact women have had in shaping America. In honor of Women’s History Month, the Center will highlight sections throughout its main exhibition, *The Story of We the People*, that feature defining moments in women’s history. Activities pertaining to Women’s History Month will also be held daily in the Grand Hall Lobby for children and their families.

Kids can take part in the celebration by playing the Game Board Quiz Show, where they get to be the pieces on a giant game board and answer questions about women’s history and their role in making our Constitution what it is today. From Abigail Adams and Susan B. Anthony to Alice Paul and Barbara Jordan, kids will learn how women have influenced American history. The Game Board Quiz Show takes place daily—free of charge—but times vary. Visitors should check the Center’s daily programs sheet for the schedule.

Representing two of the most significant eras in the history of women in our nation—women’s suffrage and the women’s rights movement of the 1970s—are an “Ask Santa to Bring a Vote for Mother” stocking and a button from the campaign to ratify an Equal Rights Amendment. Other artifacts include a button from the National Organization for Women in support of *Roe v. Wade* and the robe worn by retired Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O’Connor.

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Visitors can also read about the impact of women pioneers in shaping the Constitution on the American National Tree exhibit. Included on the tree are Bella Abzug, a flamboyant feminist member of House of Representatives; Myra Bradwell, a feminist denied the right to practice law; Mary Goddard, printer of the Declaration of Independence; Katharine Graham, *Washington Post* publisher who authorized the publication of the Pentagon Papers; Candy Lightner, Founder of Mothers Against Drunk Driving; Ellen McCormack, the Right-to-Life candidate in the 1980 presidential election; Patsy Mink, the first Asian-American elected to Congress; and many more!

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 National Constitution Center's programs earned the organization a 2006 Best of Philly® award from *Philadelphia* magazine as the "Best Place To Smarten Up". For more information, call 215.409.6700 or visit www.constitutioncenter.org.

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