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NATIONAL CONSTITUTION CENTER HOSTS SPECIAL PROGRAMS THANKSGIVING WEEKEND AND EXTENDS HOURS ON FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 25

Philadelphia, PA (November 15, 2016) – Extended hours, free programming and a school supply drive are in store for visitors to the National Constitution Center over Thanksgiving weekend, Friday, November 25 through Sunday, November 27.

The hours for the National Constitution Center will be:

Friday, November 25, 2016, from 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. – Extended Hours
Saturday, November 26, 2016, from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. – Regular Museum Hours
Sunday, November 27, 2016, from noon – 5 p.m. – Regular Museum Hours

Starting Friday, November 25 (“Black Friday”), the National Constitution Center invites visitors to “give thanks” by donating school supplies such as pens, pencils, crayons, copy paper, and folders for Philadelphia schools students. Visitors making a school supply donation will receive $2 off admission over the holiday weekend beginning Friday, November 25 through #GivingTuesday, Tuesday, November 29. Donations can be dropped off at the Center’s box office. The donations mark the Center’s participation in #GivingTuesday and supplies donated will become part of the Center’s activities marking Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service on January 16, 2017.

Also beginning Thanksgiving weekend for a limited time, the National Constitution Center will display Founding Father Gouverneur Morris’ wooden peg leg. Morris, originally from New York but a member of the Pennsylvania delegation during the Constitutional Convention, lost his leg in a carriage accident at age 28. He is credited as the primary author of the final draft of the U.S. Constitution and continued to actively engage in politics throughout his life. Visitors can “visit” Gouverneur Morris in the Constitution Center’s iconic Signers’ Hall exhibit. His peg leg, on loan from the New-York Historical Society, will be on display in the main exhibit from November 25 through January 2, 2017.

Thanksgiving Weekend Programs
The Constitution Center will feature free programing with general admission starting Friday, November 25 through Sunday, November 27.

Thanksgiving Day Show
Daily, 12 p.m. and 2 p.m.
Grand Hall Lobby

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This interactive program explores the origins and importance of the Thanksgiving holiday. Visitors can learn about the roles presidents have played in creating Thanksgiving Day traditions, including the presidential turkey pardon, and what food may have been prepared at the first Thanksgiving dinner.

**Bill of Rights Show**
Friday and Saturday 11 a.m. and 1 p.m., Sunday 1 p.m.
*Grand Hall Lobby*
Who wants to be a “Bill-ionaire?” In the museum’s fast-paced game show, visitors face off in a fun competition testing their Bill of Rights knowledge while an engaging host reveals the real deal about our amendments and freedoms.

**Founding Fathers, Founding Documents Exhibit Tours**
Friday and Saturday 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m., Sunday 11:30 a.m.
*Signers’ Hall*
The Constitution Center’s education team will lead exhibit tours—taking visitors back to the revolutionary period to meet the people who founded our nation, and discover more about the documents they helped create.

**Growing Up, American Style**
Daily, 2:30 p.m.
*Grand Hall Lobby*
Visitors can find out what it was like to grow up in different eras of American history through a costume runway show, featuring traditional-style dress from historical periods, and a guided tour of the main exhibit.

**History’s Heroes: Story Corner**
Friday and Saturday 10 a.m. – 3 p.m., Sunday 12 – 3 p.m.
*Grand Hall Lobby*
Visitors can listen to tales of our nation’s birth and our Founding Fathers at the museum’s story book corner.

**Corn Husk Dolls**
Friday and Saturday 10 a.m. – 3 p.m., Sunday 12 – 3 p.m.
*Grand Hall Lobby*
Visitors can make dolls from corn husk, just like children did in 18th century.

**Thank-a-Vet Letter Writing Station**
Friday and Saturday 10 a.m. – 3 p.m., Sunday 12 – 3 p.m.
*Grand Hall Lobby*
Visitors can take a moment to write letters of thanks to the women and men who have served in the country’s Armed Forces. Postcards can also be accessed online and downloaded by virtual visitors.

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About the National Constitution Center
The National Constitution Center in Philadelphia inspires citizenship as the only place where people across America and around the world can come together to learn about, debate, and celebrate the greatest vision of human freedom in history, the U.S. Constitution. A private, nonprofit organization, the Center serves as America’s leading platform for constitutional education and debate, fulfilling its Congressional charter “to disseminate information about the U.S. Constitution on a nonpartisan basis.”

As the Museum of We the People, the Center brings the Constitution to life for visitors of all ages through interactive programs and exhibits. As America’s Town Hall, the Center brings the leading conservative and liberal thought leaders together to debate the Constitution on all media platforms. As a center for Civic Education, the Center delivers the best educational programs and online resources that inspire, excite, and engage citizens about the U.S. Constitution. For more information, call 215-409-6700 or visit constitutioncenter.org.

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