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CELEBRATE THE 230TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SIGNING OF THE U.S. CONSTITUTION WITH KEN BURNS,
DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL ROD ROSENSTEIN, AND FREE ADMISSION TO THE NATIONAL
CONSTITUTION CENTER ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

Philadelphia, PA (September 6, 2017) – Today, the National Constitution Center announced an exciting
lineup of speakers and programs for Constitution Day, which will be observed at the Center on Monday,
September 18, with free admission. Constitution Day at the Center will commemorate the 230th
anniversary of signing of the U.S. Constitution, the most influential charter of freedom in American
history.

Highlights of the Constitution Day Celebration of the 230th Anniversary of the U.S. Constitution include:

- A discussion with Ken Burns and Lynn Novick on their 18-hour documentary series, The Vietnam
  War, which tells the epic story of one of the most consequential, divisive, and controversial
  events in American history as it has never before been told on film.
- A Supreme Court panel discussion highlighting active citizens who have brought cases before
  the highest court in the land. Featured cases include Tinker v. Des Moines Independent
  Community School District, Korematsu v. United States, and Brown v. Board of Education of
  Topeka.
- A discussion with patriotic philanthropist David Rubenstein on the history of the Constitutional
  Convention.
- A prime time address by Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein about the Constitution and
  justice in America.

The event is expected to attract more than 4,000 visitors this year. Admission and all activities, including
Town Hall programs and feature exhibits, are free courtesy of the John Templeton Foundation.

Full Programming List
Preamble Challenge and Flag Raising Ceremony
8:30 a.m., Front Lawn
Visitors can join the Sons of the American Revolution and the Daughters of the American Revolution for
a flag raising ceremony and a live performance of the Star-Spangled Banner. The National Constitution
Center will also announce the winners of the Center’s final Civic Literacy Contest, as well as new
educational resources and initiatives. National Constitution Center President and CEO Jeffrey Rosen will
conclude the ceremony by leading students in a rousing reading of the Preamble of the Constitution.

Naturalization Ceremony
10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m., F.M. Kirby Auditorium (*Seating is limited, preference given to families of new
citizens)
50 immigrants from across the globe will take the Oath of Allegiance to officially become citizens of the
United States. The Honorable Cynthia M. Rufe, United States District Judge for the Eastern District of
Pennsylvania, will preside over the ceremony and patriotic philanthropist David Rubenstein will keynote. All of the new citizens will be given lifetime memberships to the National Constitution Center.

**Judge Chats: The Courts in the Community**
10 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 11 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 12 p.m., 12:30 p.m., Bank of America Theater (*This program is open to student groups, and advanced reservations are required. Speak to a Group Sales Representative at 215-409-6800. *)

Students and teachers speak with judges about the interpretation of law and about how the Constitution affects everyday life.

**Separation of Powers Show**
10 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m., Grand Hall Overlook
This educational tug-of-war game between the executive, legislative, and judicial branches teaches visitors about the system of checks and balances inherent in the U.S. Constitution.

**Bill of Rights Show**
10:15 a.m., 11:45 a.m., 1:15 p.m., Main Exhibit
Who wants to be a “Bill”-ionaire? In the Center’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.

**Flag Etiquette Workshop and Giant Flag Folding Challenge**
10:15 a.m., 12:15 p.m., 2:15 p.m., Front Lawn
Visitors can learn the history of the American flag, proper flag etiquette, and then help the Center’s education staff fold a 20’X30’ flag.

**Pass the Citizenship Test Show**
10:30 a.m., 2 p.m., Grand Hall Overlook
Visitors learn about the rights and responsibilities of citizenship and gain insight into our country and freedoms.

**Student Town Hall with Ken Burns and Lynn Novick interviewed by David Rubenstein**
12 p.m., Sidney Kimmel Theater (*This program is open to student groups, and advanced reservations are required. Speak to a Group Sales Representative at 215-409-6800. *)

Filmmakers Ken Burns and Lynn Novick discuss their new documentary, The Vietnam War, in a conversation with David Rubenstein. Presented in partnership with WHYY.

**The Constitution’s Birthday Celebration**
12:30 p.m., Grand Hall Overlook
Visitors take part in a birthday celebration, complete with cake, to honor the anniversary of the Constitution’s signing. Includes an appearance by the Father of the Constitution himself, President James Madison.

**Constitution Day Supreme Court Panel**
1 p.m., F.M. Kirby Auditorium (*This program is open to student groups, and advanced reservations are required. Speak to a Group Sales Representative at 215-409-6800. *)

Visitors can participate in a Supreme Court panel discussion featuring John Tinker, co-petitioner, Tinker

The Constitutional Convention with David Rubenstein
2:30 p.m., Kirby Auditorium (*Advanced reservations required)
Patriotic philanthropist David Rubenstein explores what every American should know about the history of the Constitutional Convention, the drafting and ratification of the U.S. Constitution, and how it affects Americans today.

Constitution Day Keynote by Rod Rosenstein
6:30 p.m., Sidney Kimmel Theater (*Advanced reservations required)
U.S. Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein discusses the Constitution and justice in America.

OFFSITE PROGRAM: Keynote by Eric Liu
11 a.m., University of Pennsylvania, Houston Hall, Hall of Flags (3417 Spruce St.)
In partnership with the National Constitution Center and Penn’s Office of Government Affairs, the Fels Institute of Government is proud to welcome Eric Liu, founder and CEO of Citizen University for a special Constitution Day presentation on civic engagement and his new book: You’re More Powerful than You Think. Click here for more information.

Constitution Day Classroom Resources
Interactive Constitution
Teaching about the Constitution is more relevant than ever, and the National Constitution Center’s Interactive Constitution is the best nonpartisan resource on the web and a must-have tool for every classroom. Also available are free, classroom-ready lesson plans, designed to help educators use the Interactive Constitution with their students. www.constitutioncenter.org/constitution
The Interactive Constitution was developed in collaboration with the American Constitution Society and The Federalist Society, and distributed in partnership with the College Board. Made possible through the support of a generous grant from the John Templeton Foundation.

Constitution Hall Pass Video Lessons
The Constitution Hall Pass video lesson series has been watched by millions of students and teachers nationwide. It’s also a three-time Telly Award winner for excellence in education. In the Center’s newest “mini” episodes, three leading constitutional scholars explore the 14th Amendment to the Constitution. Premiering this September, a new full-length episode will explore the relationship between the states and the national government; a system known as Federalism.
www.constitutioncenter.org/hallpass

Constitution Day Live Blog
Members of the Center’s education staff will be available to answer Constitution Day questions weekdays September 11-22, 7 a.m. – 6 p.m. EDT. Ask about the Interactive Constitution, Constitution Hall Pass videos, events at the museum, and more. www.constitutioncenter.org/constitutionday
Constitution Day Website
As the nation’s leading Constitution Day resource, the National Constitution Center’s website also includes educational tools and lesson plans, online versions of the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services naturalization text, previous Constitution Hall Pass episodes, and more. The Center’s social channels—Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Pinterest, Google+, and YouTube—offer opportunities for followers to learn about some of the famous and lesser-known Founding Fathers, test their Constitution knowledge, and go behind the scenes on September 18. www.constitutioncenter.org/constitutionday

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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