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# **CELEBRATE ELECTION DAY AT THE NATIONAL CONSTITUTION CENTER ON NOVEMBER 8, 2016**

# *Come dressed as a U.S. President for discounted \$5 admission*

Philadelphia, PA (October 17, 2016) – The polls will be open but many area schools will be closed, making the National Constitution Center's Election Day Celebration the place for families to be this Election Day Tuesday, November 8. Voters, visitors, and people of all ages are invited to come to the museum dressed as a U.S. president and help attempt to set a record for the most presidential portrayers in one place at one time.

To get visitors in the spirit, the National Constitution Center is offering discounted \$5 all-access admission to any visitor dressed as a president. Visitors arriving with an "I voted" sticker from their polling place will also be eligible for the discounted admission.

The official "count" of costume challenge participants will take place at 12:30 p.m. in the Constitution Center's Grand Hall Lobby with all "presidents" taking part in a public Oath of Office ceremony.

Additional activities include patriotic concerts, "presidential" face painting, craft activities, trivia games, free gallery talks for <u>Headed to the White House</u>, the exhibit that takes visitors from campaign trail to Inauguration Day, the <u>Powers of the President</u> gallery exhibit, and the Constitution Center's Election Lounge, where visitors watch live news coverage of the election.

All activities and programming are free with general admission. Please see the full timeline of Election Day programs below.

#### **Election Day Programming**

Election Lounge All Day, Grand Hall Overlook

Watch the latest coverage of the 2016 Election.

#### Arts and Craft Activities and Costume Creation Station

10 a.m. – 3 p.m., Grand Hall Lobby

Visitors can create George Washington's tri-corn hat, Abraham Lincoln's trademark stove pipe hat, or their very own presidential masks. Face painters will also be available to give visitors a Chester Arthur beard, Theodore Roosevelt's famous glasses, and more.

#### Headed to the White House Gallery Talks

10 a.m. – 3 p.m., Headed to the White House Exhibit These talks present a brief introduction to *Headed to the White House* that encourages visitors to consider key questions and themes highlighted throughout the exhibit's artifacts and displays.

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# 270 or Bust

### 10 a.m. – 3 p.m., Headed to the White House Exhibit

In this live quiz show game, visitors assume the roles of presidential candidates and attempt to earn the minimum 270 electoral votes to be elected. Instead of campaigning, contestants earn the votes by answering questions about election history.

### **POTUS Portrait Activity**

# 10 a.m. – 3 p.m., Grand Hall Lobby

Visitors are invited to showcase their knowledge of U.S. presidents. This interactive activity challenges visitors to find all of the presidents from Ohio, the only president from Pennsylvania, the last president born before the revolution, the first president born in a hospital, and more.

# Constitution 101: Article II and the Presidency

#### 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 1 p.m., 2 p.m., Grand Hall Lobby Stage

At Constitution 101 – Article II and The Presidency, visitors explore Article II and the duties and requirements of the executive office and take part in "Who am I?' questions as well as presidential role-play scenarios.

# **Election Day Concerts**

10:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m., Grand Hall Lobby Visitors can enjoy Election Day by listening (or singing along) to some of American's favorite patriotic tunes. Featuring the Perseverance Jazz Band.

# Presidential Costume Challenge

### 12:30 p.m., Grand Hall Lobby

Visitors are encouraged to come to the National Constitution Center on Election Day dressed like a U.S. president and help attempt to set a record for the most presidential portrayers in one place at one time. Those who don't arrive looking like a president can still join in the fun by visiting our face painting and costume making stations before taking part in the 12:30 p.m. "official count" and special Oath of Office ceremony.

#### **About the National Constitution Center**

The <u>National Constitution Center</u> 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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