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**FREE ADMISSION, HISTORICAL RE-ENACTMENTS, AND A SIX-TON HOAGIE PART OF
NATIONAL CONSTITUTION CENTER'S INDEPENDENCE WEEK PROGRAMMING**

***Admission to the museum is FREE on June 30 and July 2, courtesy of Wawa, and FREE on July 4,
courtesy of the John Templeton Foundation***

Philadelphia, PA (June 28, 2016) – The National Constitution Center is proud to announce an array of patriotic festivities taking place Independence Week **June 30 – July 4, 2016** for an **All-American Celebration on Independence Mall**.

To kick off the festivities, the National Constitution Center will participate in **Wawa Hoagie Day** on **Thursday, June 30, 2016**. Admission to the museum is **FREE** on June 30, and includes access to the upgraded live performance of *Freedom Rising* presented in the all-new Sidney Kimmel Theater; *Headed to the White House*, a unique exhibit taking visitors from the campaign trail to the Oval Office; and *Constituting Liberty: From the Declaration to the Bill of Rights* showcasing one of 12 original, surviving copies of the Bill of Rights.

NOTE: The National Constitution Center will have extended hours **Thursday, June 30 through Saturday, July 2, 9:30 a.m. until 8 p.m.** The museum will be open on July 3 from 12 p.m. – 5 p.m., July 4 and July 5 from 9:30 a.m. – 5 p.m. Admission to the museum is free on June 30 and July 2, courtesy of Wawa, and free on July 4, courtesy of the John Templeton Foundation

All-American Celebration Programming, June 30 to July 4, 2016

The 1776 Experience—Revolutionary War Encampment

June 30, July 2, 3, 4 – All Day

Front Lawn

Visit a re-created military encampment on the National Constitution Center's front lawn. Museum visitors can practice mustering with Revolutionary War re-enactors, stop by the medical tent to visit the wounded, visit the blacksmith shop for a new sword, or try their hand at carpentry or leatherwork.

Family Fun Activities

June 30, July 1, 2, 4 – 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

July 3 – 12 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Main Lobby and Front Lawn

- Make-and-Take Projects
- Colonial Demonstrations
- Eighteenth Century Games
- Thank-A-Vet Postcards

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Independence Day Show

June 30 – 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 2 p.m., 4 p.m.

July 1 – 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 1 p.m., 2 p.m., 4 p.m.

July 2 – 1:30 p.m., 2:30 p.m., 3:30 p.m.

July 3 – 1 p.m. and 2 p.m.

July 4 – 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 1 p.m., 2 p.m.

Grand Hall Overlook Stage

An in-depth look at the celebration of freedom from the early days of American independence to the present day.

A Republic, Madam

June 30, July 1, 2, 4 – 10:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m., 1:30 p.m., 2:30 p.m.

Bank of America Theater

A Republic, Madam is a four actor performance imagining how Mrs. Elizabeth Powel and the citizens of Philadelphia reacted to Benjamin Franklin's advice that "you" (the citizen) are ultimately responsible for upholding the principles of the new government. Written by a trio of local Philadelphia high school seniors, *A Republic, Madam* is part of the Founding Freedoms Essay and Playwriting Contest generously sponsored by the John Templeton Foundation.

Flag Etiquette Workshop

June 30, July 1, 4 – 10:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m., 2:30 p.m.

July 2 – 2 p.m.

July 3 – 12:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m.

Grand Hall Overlook Stage

Join the National Constitution Center staff each morning for a spirited Flag Raising Ceremony, and then again in the evenings as they reverently lower it. In workshops, visitors will discover the history and symbolism of the American flag and learn about the proper way to treat it.

The Star-Spangled Banner: A History of Our National Anthem Show

June 30, July 1, 3, 4 – 12 p.m. and 3 p.m.

July 2 – 1 p.m. and 3 p.m.

Grand Hall Overlook Stage

Learn the story of Francis Scott Key, the Battle of Fort McHenry, and the flag that inspired the national anthem.

Giant Flag Folding

June 30, July 1, 3, 4 – 12:45 p.m.

July 2 – 1 p.m.

Front Lawn

Visitors can participate as members of the museum's staff fold a 20X30 foot American flag.

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Presidency 101: Article II and the Constitution

July 1, 4 – 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.

July 3 – 1:30 p.m.

Grand Hall Overlook Stage

Visitors Explore Article II and the duties and requirements of the executive office and take part in “Who am I?” questions and presidential role-play scenarios.

Wawa Hoagie Day

Thursday, June 30

Wawa chefs, hundreds of Wawa associates, and hoagie-lovers from across Philadelphia will come together to build more than 23,000 hoagies weighing six tons. A portion of the hoagies will be given to Philabundance and to Veteran’s centers before the Hoagie Day event. The remainder will be served at noon to the crowd in Independence Mall.

Hoagies for Heroes Displays and Activities

10 a.m. to 5 p.m., *Grand Hall Overlook*

Join Wawa in supporting U.S. troops with activities, including letter writing and assembling a care package to send to the troops, and arts and crafts.

History of the Hoagie Exhibit

10 a.m. to 5 p.m., *Grand Hall Overlook*

Explore the story of one of Philadelphia most beloved companies.

What America Eats: The History of the Hoagie Show

11:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m., *Grand Hall Overlook Stage*

Explore the history of the American hoagie and the many names “We the People” use for this sandwich.

A Historic Debate Between John Adams and Thomas Jefferson

1 p.m., *Kirby Auditorium*

Founding Fathers John Adams and Thomas Jefferson were good friends and allies during the revolutionary period, but after a republic was established, their differing philosophies eventually drove a wedge between them. In this unique program, Adams and Jefferson actors will stage their interpretation of a debate between these two historic figures.

Sworn-Again America Ceremony

1 p.m., *Grand Hall Overlook*

In this patriotic ceremony, take the same oath that naturalized citizens take. Inspired by Eric Liu and Sworn-Again America.

Finding the Founders Day

Saturday, July 2

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Scholarly Talks and Walking Tours

Enjoy fascinating conversations with scholars at the National Constitution Center and neighboring sites throughout Historic Philadelphia. Featured speakers and tours include:

- **Dr. George Boudreau** of La Salle University (Equality in America Walking Tour of the Historic District): 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. *Meet at National Constitution Center Front Lawn (525 Arch Street)*
- **Sandra Lloyd**, Historic Philadelphia Inc. resident historian (Women in Revolutionary America): 12 p.m. and 2 p.m. *Betsy Ross House (239 Arch Street)*
- **Dr. Abigail Perkiss** of Kean University (The Declaration in the 20th Century): 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. *Congress Hall, Independence National Historical Park (Enter Independence Square at 5th and Chestnut Streets)*
- **Dr. Jen Moses**, National Constitution Center ACLS Public Fellow (A Revolution in Print: African American Newspapers During Reconstruction): 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. *Independence Visitors Center (6th and Market Streets)*
- **Thomas Donnelly**, National Constitution Center Fellow (The Fourteenth Amendment: The Declaration in the Reconstruction Era): 11:15 a.m. and 3:15 p.m. *National Constitution Center (525 Arch Street)*

Go 4th & Learn

Timing TBD, *Google Lab*

Enjoy special readings, free book giveaways and educational fun. The first 800 children will receive a free book courtesy of Duffy Books in Homes USA.

Headed to the White House Exhibit Tour

12:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m.

Meet at National Constitution Center Lobby (525 Arch Street)

Tour of the *Headed to the White House* exhibit with National Constitution Center's legal scholar **Michael Gerhardt**.

About the National Constitution Center

The [National Constitution Center](http://constitutioncenter.org) in Philadelphia inspires active 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 non-partisan 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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About Wawa, Inc.

Wawa, Inc., a privately held company, began in 1803 as an iron foundry in New Jersey. Toward the end of the 19th Century, owner George Wood took an interest in dairy farming and the family began a small processing plant in Wawa, PA in 1902. The milk business was a huge success, due to its quality, cleanliness and “certified” process. As home delivery of milk declined in the early 1960’s, Grahame Wood, George’s grandson, opened the first Wawa Food Market in 1964 as an outlet for dairy products. Today, Wawa is your all day, every day stop for fresh, built-to-order foods, beverages, coffee, fuel services, and surcharge-free ATM’s. A chain of over 690 conveniences retail stores (over 435 offering gasoline), Wawa stores are located in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia and Florida. The stores offer a large fresh food service selection, including Wawa brands such as built-to-order hoagies, freshly-brewed coffee, hot breakfast sandwiches, built-to-order Specialty Beverages, and an assortment of soups, sides and snacks.

About the John Templeton Foundation

The [John Templeton Foundation](#) serves as a philanthropic catalyst for discoveries relating to the Big Questions of human purpose and ultimate reality. The Foundation supports research on subjects ranging from complexity, evolution, and infinity to creativity, forgiveness, love, and free will. It encourages civil, informed dialogue among scientists, philosophers, and theologians and between such experts and the public at large. The Foundation’s vision is derived from the late Sir John Templeton’s optimism about the possibility of acquiring “new spiritual information” and from his commitment to rigorous scientific research and related scholarship. The Foundation’s motto, “How little we know, how eager to learn,” exemplifies its support for open-minded inquiry and its hope for advancing human progress through breakthrough discoveries.

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