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NATIONAL CONSTITUTION CENTER READIES FOR BILL OF RIGHTS EXHIBITION WITH PREVIEW OF NEW GEORGE H.W. BUSH GALLERY ON OCTOBER 27

Former Governor Jeb Bush and Governor Tom Corbett Join Preview Event with U.S. Supreme Court Justice Samuel A. Alito, Jr.

PHILADELPHIA (October 27, 2014) -- The National Constitution Center, the Museum of We the People, America's Town Hall, and a center for civic education located on Independence Mall in Philadelphia, is pleased to unveil the George H.W. Bush Gallery at 6:00 p.m., on Monday, October 27, 2014. Guests will preview the "Constituting Liberty: From the Declaration to the Bill of Rights" exhibition, opening to the public in the new gallery later this year, following the completion of long-term preservation preparations. Attendees will participate in a special program from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. that evening, which will serve as an example of exhibition-related programming to come.

Named for the 41st President of the United States, the new gallery recognizes President George H.W. Bush's public service and role as Chairman of the National Constitution Center from 2007 to 2008. Former Florida Governor and current Chairman of the National Constitution Center Jeb Bush will join in the unveiling of the gallery named for his father.

For three years through December 2017, the gallery will host "Constituting Liberty: From the Declaration to the Bill of Rights," an exhibition that will feature rare copies of America's three founding documents. The exhibition will display a first edition Stone Engraving of the Declaration of Independence, a copy of the first public printing of the U.S. Constitution, and an original Bill of Rights—one of 12 surviving copies sent to the states by President George Washington in 1789. All three documents will be on display for guests to view at the gallery and exhibition preview. This particular copy of the Bill of Rights was acquired by The New York Public Library in 1896. Through an historic agreement between The Library and Pennsylvania, the document will be alternatively displayed to the public in both New York and Pennsylvania for the next 100 years.

"The National Constitution Center is thrilled to preview our Constituting Liberty exhibit displaying one of the twelve surviving copies of the Bill of Rights, along with rare copies of the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution, said Jeffrey Rosen, President and CEO of the National Constitution Center. "By making these rarely-seen historical treasures accessible to the public, we look forward to three years of education and debate about the meaning of the Bill of Rights and our liberties as American citizens."

Following the gallery preview, guests will participate in special programming featuring a keynote address by U.S. Supreme Court Justice Samuel A. Alito, Jr. The program will also feature remarks from former Florida Governor and current Chairman of the National Constitution Center Jeb Bush, Pennsylvania Governor Tom Corbett, and The New York Public Library President Anthony W. Marx. The National Constitution Center's Jeffrey Rosen will host a conversation about the Bill of Rights with philanthropist David Rubenstein, co-CEO of The Carlyle Group. U.S. patriotic music, including the National Anthem, will be performed by members of The Philadelphia Orchestra and Opera Philadelphia.

"As chairman of the National Constitution Center, I'm pleased this new exhibition gallery will expand access for more Americans to learn about and see our nation's founding documents and better understand our rich history," said former Florida Governor Jeb Bush. "On behalf of my Father and my entire family, I also thank the Constitution Center for honoring my Father's dedication to public service and our great nation through the naming of this special gallery."

In coordination with the upcoming exhibition, the National Constitution Center will host numerous programs and educational activities to promote and encourage debate about the importance of these historic founding documents and their relevance to modern society. The Center will be working to build greater awareness and convene a civil conversation that will allow Americans of every political perspective to converge around the documents that define us as Americans.

"This exhibit will provide the opportunity for thousands of visitors to immerse themselves in our nation's living history," said Governor Tom Corbett. "These documents represent the bedrock upon which our great nation was founded and are a testament to the longevity, the meaning and the importance of democracy."

"This historic partnership gives the people of New York and Pennsylvania the unique opportunity to view and be inspired by one of our country's founding documents, expertly preserved by The New York Public Library for over a century. I hope everyone visits the National Constitution Center later this year to see the Bill of Rights and experience history first-hand," added Anthony Marx, President, The New York Public Library.

The National Constitution Center is located at 525 Arch Street on Philadelphia's Independence Mall. The Center is open from 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, until 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, and from noon to 5:00 p.m. on Sunday. General admission is \$14.50 for adults, \$13 for seniors, students with ID, and youth (ages 13-18), \$8 for children (ages 4-12), and is free for active military. For more information, call 215-409-6700 or visit constitutioncenter.org.

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