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**ABC NEWS, NATIONAL CONSTITUTION CENTER & WPVI-TV TO HOST DEMOCRATIC PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE DEBATE IN PHILADELPHIA ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16th AT 8 PM ET/PT**

**Charles Gibson and George Stephanopoulos to Moderate 90-Minute Debate**

ABC News, the National Constitution Center and WPVI-TV will host a Democratic Presidential Candidate debate in Philadelphia on Wednesday, April 16th. The live 90-minute debate, moderated by ABC News anchors Charles Gibson and George Stephanopoulos, will air from 8-10 PM ET/PT on the ABC Television Network.

The debate between Senators Hillary Clinton and Barack Obama will be held at the National Constitution Center in Philadelphia. The format of the debate and information about media credentialing will be announced at a later date.

“Coming just days before the critical Pennsylvania primary, the debate will give voters across the state and throughout the country an opportunity to hear the candidates talk in depth about the important issues facing the nation,” said ABC News President David Westin.

“The National Constitution Center is pleased and proud to host the Democratic Presidential Candidates debate in Historic Philadelphia. Just a few feet from Independence Hall - the very place our nation was formed – ‘We the People’ will be reminded of the importance of active citizenship and the power of every vote,” said National Constitution Center President and CEO Joseph M. Torsella.

“Serving our viewers is always critically important at 6abc but that is never more true than during an election,” said WPVI President and General Manager Bernie Prazenica. “We are extremely pleased to be able to help bring this debate to our community at this vital juncture and to give the people of the Delaware and Lehigh Valley’s a chance to hear from the candidates before they make their voices heard on April 22.”

More Americans get their news from ABC News than from any other source. Through its platforms on television, radio, and the Internet, ABC News reaches on average nearly 180 million people in a given month. ABC News programs are seen in 88 countries worldwide. ABC News along with Facebook and WMUR-TV hosted back-to back Democratic and Republican Presidential candidate debates in New Hampshire on January 5th. The Democratic debate was watched by 9.36 million people – more than any other debate this election cycle.

The National Constitution Center, located at 525 Arch St. on Philadelphia’s Independence Mall, is an independent, nonpartisan, nonprofit organization dedicated to increasing public understanding of the U.S. Constitution and the ideas and values it represents. The Center serves as a museum, an education center, and a forum for debate on constitutional issues. The Center is celebrating the election season with a year long series,
Election '08: The Power of We, which includes a variety of on-site public programs, community and national outreach, education initiatives, and a new exhibition, Headed to the White House.

WPVI-TV/6abc is the number one source for news, information and entertainment throughout the greater Philadelphia region, and leads the way in election coverage through Action News and the station’s web site, 6abc.com. In addition to daily coverage, Action News will continue its tradition of providing detailed information about the candidates, on-air and online, including their backgrounds and their stance on key issues. Throughout the 2008 Presidential election season, Action News will be the exclusive broadcaster of the highly respected Franklin and Marshall Keystone Poll. WPVI-TV is an ABC owned station.

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