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NATIONAL CONSTITUTION CENTER ANNOUNCES YEAR-LONG EXHIBITION LINEUP WITH INTERNATIONAL FOCUS

Philadelphia, PA (May 1, 2009) – Through a series of international exhibitions over the next year, the National Constitution Center will explore differing forms of government around the world and over time, by presenting the stories of important moments and iconic figures that changed history. The exhibitions will begin with **NAPOLÉON** in May 2009, **Diana: A Celebration** in October 2009, ending with **Ancient Rome and America** in Spring 2010.

“These exhibitions will provide visitors with an opportunity to learn more about the international tenets of democracy that have united citizens around the world throughout history,” said National Constitution Center President and Chief Executive Officer Linda E. Johnson. “The exhibitions have broad appeal; we expect they will allow the Center to expand its audience and, in turn, introduce more people to the enduring stories of ‘We the People’ celebrated here every day.”

From May 29 through September 7, 2009, the Center will host **NAPOLÉON**, a 6,000 square foot exhibition offering visitors a rare opportunity to explore the private life of the Emperor of France and to see beyond the legend to gain an understanding of this complex figure as a man and political leader whose actions reshaped the landscape of Europe and America.

From October 2 through December 31, 2009, **Diana: A Celebration** will come to Philadelphia, showcasing the life and work of the Princess of Wales. The 10,000 square foot exhibition explores Diana's childhood, her engagement to HRH Prince Charles, their royal wedding, their children, and Diana's life and works as a global humanitarian.

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ADD ONE/YEAR-LONG EXHIBIT SCHEDULE

In Spring 2010, ***Ancient Rome and America*** will make its debut at the Center, in partnership with Contemporanea Progetti in Florence, Italy. The 6,000 square foot exhibition will feature over 300 artifacts from Rome's Republican and Imperial periods. The exhibition will focus on the central themes America's founding fathers learned from the Roman Republic and the continuing influence of ancient Rome on America today.

In keeping with the Center's mission to foster discussion and citizen engagement, evening programs about current and historical topics related to these exhibitions will be planned. Events will explore issues such as the influence of the American Revolution on the French Revolution, the special and complicated relationship our nation has had with the British Monarchy since 1776, and the inspiration of Ancient Rome on our nation's founding.

Additionally, the Center's education and public programming staff in the Annenberg Center for Education and Outreach will develop a variety of resource materials, special programs, and family activities to further augment the exhibitions.

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 museum dramatically tells the story of the Constitution from Revolutionary times to the present through more than 100 interactive, multimedia exhibits, film, photographs, text, sculpture and artifacts, and features a powerful, award-winning theatrical performance, "Freedom Rising". The Center also houses the Annenberg Center for Education and Outreach, which serves as the hub for national constitutional education. Also, as a nonpartisan forum for constitutional discourse, the Center presents – without endorsement – programs that contain diverse viewpoints on a broad range of issues. For more information, call 215.409.6700 or visit www.constitutioncenter.org.

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