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NATIONAL CONSTITUTION CENTER MEMORIALIZES SEPTEMBER 11TH WITH SPECIAL PUBLIC PROGRAMMING

Philadelphia, PA – On the five-year anniversary of September 11th and throughout the run of *9/11: A Nation Remembers*, the National Constitution Center will present unique ways for visitors to commemorate one of our nation’s most unforgettable days.

On Monday, September 11, the National Constitution Center presents *We Remember*. Visitors to the Center will have the opportunity to record and preserve their personal memories of September 11th as an oral history in a free recording facility during museum hours, 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Individuals, families, and small groups are invited to openly discuss where they were on September 11th, what they saw, what they heard, and how they remember. A podcast of these stories will be made available by the National Constitution Center. This program is free and no advance reservations are required. Museum admission is not included.

Also during museum hours on September 11, visitors can take part in *Making a Memorial*, during which they will build a memorial wall focusing on memories of September 11th. Guests can design and decorate ceramic tiles with paint to create their own mini-memorials. The tiles can then be taken home as a keepsake or added to the exhibition mending fence. All visitors will be able to contribute their personal thoughts and reflections to add to this special talkback station designed after the “mending fence” portrayed in one of Jonathan Hyman’s photographs in the exhibit. Tiles left on the fence will become a part of Tiles for America, which will display the tiles on the New York

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memorial located at the corner of 7th Avenue and 11th Street. To learn more about Tiles for America, visit www.tilesforamerica.com.

In addition, visitors will have the opportunity to learn about statues and memorials during *Memorials: The Way America Remembers*. America is filled with memorials to help us remember the past, including both good times and the bad. From Mount Rushmore to the Vietnam Memorial, they all tell a story and help shape our future. Guests will learn more about our nation's most interesting memorials and how they contribute to "popular memory." Programming about memorials will occur daily in the exhibit space throughout the run of *9/11: A Nation Remembers*. Museum admission is required. Times may vary, so visitors should check the Center's daily programs sheet for the schedule.

From September 8, 2006 through January 1, 2007 the National Constitution Center proudly presents ***9/11: A Nation Remembers***, an original photography exhibition documenting how the American people responded to and remember the events of September 11th. This exhibition of 100 photographs by Jonathan Hyman inspires conversations about community, national identity, and how ordinary Americans have commemorated the day.

Admission to *9/11: A Nation Remembers* is free with regular museum admission of \$9 for adults and \$7 for seniors ages 62 and up, children ages 4-12, and active military personnel. Children ages 3 and under are free. Group rates are also available.

CBS 3 is the official media partner for the exhibition. CBS 3 (KYW-TV) is part of the CBS Television Stations division, one of the largest network-owned station groups. Philadelphia's first television station, CBS 3 has been providing news, information and entertainment to local viewers since 1932. The station is the home of the prestigious Eyewitness News brand, now synonymous with news coverage nationwide.

9/11: A Nation Remembers is proudly supported by the City of Philadelphia Police and Fire Departments.

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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. Opened on July 4, 2003, the Constitution Center is 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 and debates, and is a partner of NPR's "Justice Talking," a program of the Annenberg Public Policy Center. Also, serving 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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