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### **NATIONAL CONSTITUTION CENTER OFFERS FIRST LADIES TEA PARTIES AND BIRTHDAY PARTIES *In conjunction with First Ladies: Political Role and Public Image exhibit***

Philadelphia, PA - Whether enjoying afternoon tea or celebrating a birthday, the National Constitution Center will make visitors feel like guests at the White House with special themed parties in conjunction with the *First Ladies: Political Role and Public Image* exhibition.

Visitors coming to see *First Ladies: Political Role and Public Image* will have the opportunity to add the *First Ladies Tea Party* to their package on Saturdays. Tea Parties will be held on select Saturdays throughout the run of the exhibit. Guests will enjoy an assortment of delicious tea sandwiches, pastries, and beverages. The *First Ladies Tea Party* costs \$30 for members and \$35 for non-members. Admission to the *First Ladies* exhibit is included. Reservations can be made at [www.constitutioncenter.org](http://www.constitutioncenter.org).

Guests can also celebrate their children's birthdays with fun, first ladies-themed parties highlighting girl power throughout history. The celebration includes a party room, admission to the main exhibition and the *First Ladies* exhibition, make and take activities, a gift for the birthday child, and more to make each birthday party a truly historic event! For more information about birthday parties at the National Constitution Center, visit [www.constitutioncenter.org/birthdayparty](http://www.constitutioncenter.org/birthdayparty).

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From October 5 through December 31, 2007 the National Constitution Center will host *First Ladies: Political Role and Public Image*. The exhibition features more than two centuries of elegant inaugural and evening gowns, clothing and jewelry, White House furnishings and china, photographs and portraits, and campaign and personal memorabilia. It examines the demanding duties of the presidential partner and national hostess, explores how her role has evolved from ceremonial colleague to one of international celebrity and recognized political power, and illustrates the importance of the first lady's public image to the success of a presidential administration.

Admission to *First Ladies: Political Role and Public Image* is \$15 for adults, \$14 for seniors ages 65 and up, and \$9 for children ages 4-12. Active military personnel and children ages 3 and under are free. Group rates are also available. Admission to the Center's main exhibition, *The Story of We the People*, including the award-winning theater production "Freedom Rising", is included. For ticket information, call 215.409.6700 or visit [www.constitutioncenter.org](http://www.constitutioncenter.org).

*First Ladies* is based on one of the Smithsonian's most visited permanent exhibitions and contains artifacts from the rarely traveled first ladies collection of the Smithsonian's National Museum of American History, Behring Center. Organized by the National Museum of American History and the Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibition Service (SITES), *First Ladies* is made possible by A&E Network. Macy's is the local presenting sponsor and NBC 10 is the official media partner for the Center's showing of *First Ladies*.

Funding for the National Constitution Center's changing exhibits program has been made possible through a \$1 million grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities.

The National Constitution Center, located at 525 Arch St. on Philadelphia's Independence Mall, is an independent, nonpartisan, nonprofit organization dedicated to

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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](http://www.constitutioncenter.org).

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