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SPEND THE NIGHT AT THE NATIONAL CONSTITUTION CENTER FOR *A NIGHT IN HISTORY: ROME*

In conjunction with the Ancient Rome & America exhibition

Philadelphia, PA (March 5, 2010) – Guests will have the rare opportunity to spend the night at the National Constitution Center on Friday, March 26, 2010, for ***A Night in History: Rome***. In conjunction with the *Ancient Rome & America* exhibition, overnight visitors will see how history comes to life while the rest of the city sleeps, while discovering over 300 artifacts that showcase the links between ancient Rome and modern America. *A Night in History: Rome* will take place from 6:00 p.m. on Friday, March 26 through 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, March 27. Admission is \$45 per person and \$40 for Constitution Center members. Reservations are required and can be made at 215.409.6700.

Participants will enjoy a night filled with activities, workshops, and tours for all ages. Visitors will learn about Roman architecture and its influence on America by building models of the Colosseum and Capitol building, discover how to become a great orator, mold statues and pottery, create mosaics, and build catapults. In addition, guests can enjoy a private, after-hours tour of *Ancient Rome & America*.

Through August 1, 2010, the National Constitution Center is hosting the world debut of *Ancient Rome & America* – a multi-million dollar, artifact-rich exhibition showcasing the

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cultural, political, and social connections between the lost world of ancient Rome and modern America. The 8,000 square foot exhibition, featuring a never-before-seen collection of artifacts, was created by the Center in partnership with Contemporanea Progetti of Florence, Italy, in collaboration with the Ministero per i Beni e Le Attività Culturali, Rome, Italy.

Admission to *Ancient Rome & America* is \$20 for adults, \$18 for seniors ages 65 and up, and \$12 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. iPod audio tours cost an additional \$5. For ticket information, call 215.409.6700 or visit www.constitutioncenter.org.

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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. 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. For more information, call 215.409.6700 or visit www.constitutioncenter.org.

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