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GAIL COLLINS TO DISCUSS THE JOURNEY OF AMERICAN WOMEN AT THE NATIONAL CONSTITUTION CENTER

Philadelphia, PA (October 9, 2009) – *New York Times* columnist **Gail Collins** will join the National Constitution Center on Monday, October 26 at 6:30 p.m. to discuss her new book, *When Everything Changed: The Amazing Journey of American Women From 1960 to the Present*. Admission is \$9 for members, \$15 for non-members, and \$7 for students and teachers. Reservations are required and can be made by calling 215.409.6700.

In *When Everything Changed*, Collins traces the experience of American women from the 1960s, when wives needed to get their husbands' permission to apply for a credit card, to recent events, including Hillary Clinton's historic run for President of the United States. Collins covers fashion, pop culture, economics, politics, work, and families to highlight the last fifty years of women's history. She also uses personal accounts to enrich the story of how women in America have progressed in society to shatter stereotypes and occupy a wholly different place in our nation's recent history.

Gail Collins is currently a columnist for the *New York Times*, where she served as the first female Editorial Page Editor from 2001 to 2007. Prior to her work at the *Times*, Collins wrote for the *New York Daily News*, *Newsday*, the *Connecticut Business Journal*, *United States Press International*, and the Associated Press. In the 1970s, she founded the Connecticut State News Bureau, which continues to cover Connecticut politics and the state capitol. In addition to her work as a journalist, Collins has published several books, including *Scorpion Tongues: Gossip, Celebrity, and American Politics*; *America's Women: Four Hundred Years of Dolls, Drudges, Helpmates, and Heroines*; and *The Millennium Book*.

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Lynn Yeakel will moderate the program. Yeakel is a passionate advocate for women's rights who has devoted her public life to women's progress. She currently serves as Director of the Institute for Women's Health and Leadership at Drexel University College of Medicine, where she initiated and is co-chairing a new national project, Vision 2020, with the mission of advancing gender equality by the year 2020 – the centennial anniversary of the 19th Amendment. A former candidate for the U.S. Senate and Governor of Pennsylvania, Yeakel served as Mid-Atlantic Regional Director for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and was a founder and chief executive of Women's Way, the first funding federation of its kind in the nation. She is active in many community organizations and has received numerous honors and awards for leadership and public service.

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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