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NATIONAL CONSTITUTION CENTER SET TO CELEBRATE AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH

Admission to the Center is FREE on Monday, February 20, courtesy of TD Bank, through the TD Charitable Foundation

Philadelphia, PA (February 2, 2017) – The National Constitution Center will celebrate African American History Month this February with family-friendly programs and activities, including arts and crafts, an Emancipation Proclamation Document Workshop, the interactive Breaking Barriers Show and more. The Center’s main exhibit, *The Story of We the People*, highlights key milestones in African-American history.

African American History Month and free admission on Presidents Day, February 20, are generously sponsored by TD Bank, through the TD Charitable Foundation.

African American History Month Programs

Special Events

Presidents Day

Monday, February 20

Visitors are invited to celebrate Presidents Day at the National Constitution Center, featuring free admission courtesy of TD Bank, through the TD Charitable Foundation. In addition to regularly scheduled African American History Month programs, visitors have the opportunity to participate in a Kids Town Hall and a Presidential Costume Contest.

Daily Programs

Breaking Barriers Show

Main Exhibit

The interactive Breaking Barriers show examines the lives of Thurgood Marshall, Bessie Coleman, Jackie Robinson and other groundbreaking African-Americans throughout American history—providing insight into the struggles they faced and the rights they secured for all citizens. Their inspiring stories reveal how one individual’s civic actions can impact a nation.

Decoding the Document: Emancipation Proclamation Document Workshop

Main Exhibit

Visitors can take a closer look at the museum’s rare printing of the Emancipation Proclamation to learn more about its history, the history of the Civil War, and the background of the 13th, 14th and 15th Amendments.

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African-American History Self-Guided Tour

Main Exhibit

Visitors can pick up a flier at the Information Desk to take a self-guided museum tour highlighting important moments in African-American history. Featuring:

- A signed copy of the Emancipation Proclamation
- A signed copy of President Obama’s 2008 “More Perfect Union” speech, delivered at the National Constitution Center
- A Deposition Notice for the Dred Scott case in the St. Louis Circuit Court, a decade before the controversial Supreme Court ruling
- A NAACP Press Release from 1951 announcing its decision to appeal the Topeka, Kansas, case in which a federal court upheld segregated school facilities
- A Broadside Calling for the Desegregation of the Armed Forces from 1943
- The American National Tree, featuring influential African-Americans including Paul Robeson, Fannie Lou Hamer, Ward Connerly and 2012 Liberty Medal winner Muhammad Ali
- Artifacts found on the site of the Center which give a glimpse into the daily lives of free African Americans in the 1700s

Giant Game Board Activity

Main Lobby

As part of the Center’s interactive daily programming in February, visitors can test their knowledge of African-American history at the Center’s Giant Game Board.

About the National Constitution Center

The [National Constitution Center](http://www.constitutioncenter.org) in Philadelphia inspires citizenship as the only place where people across America and around the world can come together to learn about, debate, and celebrate the greatest vision of human freedom in history, the U.S. Constitution. A private, nonprofit organization, the Center serves as America’s leading platform for constitutional education and debate, fulfilling its Congressional charter “to disseminate information about the U.S. Constitution on a nonpartisan basis.” As the **Museum of We the People**, the Center brings the Constitution to life for visitors of all ages through interactive programs and exhibits. As **America’s Town Hall**, the Center brings the leading conservative and liberal thought leaders together to debate the Constitution on all media platforms. As a center for **Civic Education**, the Center delivers the best educational programs and online resources that inspire, excite, and engage citizens about the U.S. Constitution. For more information, call 215-409-6700 or visit constitutioncenter.org.

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