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Celebrating the Life of Dolley Todd Madison

Independence National Historical Park and the National Constitution Center celebrate Dolley Todd Madison, America's First Lady on Monday, March 8. Visitors are invited to tour the house in which Dolley Todd Madison lived while she was in Philadelphia then come to the National Constitution Center to watch the PBS portrait of this amazing woman.

In honor of Women's History Month and the enduring legacy of Dolley Todd Madison, the Todd House, in Independence National Historical Park, will be open for special tours on **Monday, March 8, between 1 - 5 pm**. Built in 1775, the Todd House was occupied from 1791 - 1793 by lawyer John Todd, and his wife Dolley Payne. Following her husband's death in 1793, Dolley married James Madison, destined to become the fourth President of the United States. The Todd House reflects the lifestyle of 18th century Philadelphia's middle class. Located at the corner of 4th and Walnut Streets, the house will be open to the public for free tours from 1 - 5 pm. No tickets are required.

At **6:00 pm**, the National Constitution Center hosts *Dolley Madison: America's First Lady*, a 90- minute portrait from PBS's American Experience of the woman who transformed the previously undefined role of the president's wife. Following the screening, there will be a short conversation with executive producer Catherine Allan, producer and director Muffie Meyer, writer Ronald Blumer and historian Holly Shulman, director of the Dolley Madison Project at the University of Virginia. The event is free and reservations are required. Please call 215.409.6700 or order online at www.constitutioncenter.org.

A unit of the National Park Service, Independence National Historical Park covers almost 55 acres in Philadelphia's Old City, and includes Independence Hall, the Liberty Bell, Congress Hall, Franklin Court, and other historic buildings associated with the founding of the United States. The park is open from 9:00 am daily with the exception of Christmas day. A visit to Independence National Historical Park should start at the Independence Visitor Center, located at 6th and Market Streets. Here, visitors can pick up a park brochure, park map, and the free, timed tickets required for Independence Hall. For more information visit the park's website, <http://www.nps.gov/inde> or follow us at twitter.com/independencenhp.

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