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Celebrate Founders Day with a Founding Father

Independence NHP Celebrates the Anniversary of the National Park Service

Philadelphia – What would Thomas Jefferson think of the National Park Service? In 1776, Thomas Jefferson crafted a document that would pave the way for the creation of a new nation and spread ideas of democracy and freedom around the world. On August 25, 1916, America created another great idea: the National Park Service. On Wednesday, August 25, 2010, join us for a free program at the Independence Visitor Center to *Celebrate Founders Day with a Founding Father*. Join Thomas Jefferson (portrayed by actor Steven Edenbo) and a National Park Service Ranger to learn about the founding of our great nation and the founding of the National Park Service. Participants will receive free mementos of Founders Day at Independence NHP.

- WHO:** Thomas Jefferson (portrayed by actor Steven Edenbo) and a National Park Service Ranger
- WHAT:** *Celebrate Founders Day with a Founding Father*
Free 20-minute program followed by opportunity to chat with Jefferson
- WHERE:** Independence Visitor Center, Theater 2
6th and Market Streets, Philadelphia
- WHEN:** Wednesday, August 25, 2010
10 am, 11 am, 12 pm and 1 pm

Where else can a visitor interact with Thomas Jefferson and a Park Ranger to learn about the founding of our nation and the founding of the National Park Service? Only Philadelphia! And only at Independence National Historical Park.

A unit of the National Park Service, Independence National Historical Park was created by an Act of Congress on June 28, 1948. Accredited by the American Association of Museums, Independence NHP covers almost 54 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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