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**Betsy Ross House celebrates 2008 presidential campaign;
New exhibit features election memorabilia**

MARCHING TO THE WHITE HOUSE features collection of Jeffrey Kenneth Kohn

Philadelphia, PA - In celebration of the 2008 presidential campaign, the Betsy Ross House presents a new exhibit of election memorabilia from the collection of Jeffrey Kenneth Kohn, M.D. ***MARCHING TO THE WHITE HOUSE: Election Memorabilia from the Sublime to the Ridiculous*** offers a fascinating look at presidential campaigns through the ages, as illustrated by the items produced to promote candidates through the years.

Among the items on display are campaign buttons, handkerchiefs and flags, as well as more unusual offerings like the never-before-displayed parade uniform from Benjamin Harrison's torch light parades and the less austere roll of toilet paper decorated with Jimmy Carter's image.

The exhibition launches on August 25 and will continue through May 2009.

Dr. Jeffrey Kenneth Kohn

Jeffrey Kenneth Kohn, M.D. is a retired psychiatrist who has been involved in the antiques business since 1969. He worked his way through medical school cleaning out basements and attics and then selling the furniture and furnishings he found. During the early years of his practice, he continued as an active collector especially of American illustration art and early period American military uniforms and equipment.

Dr. Kohn is considered one of the country's foremost flag historians and his collection of flags ranks among the country's best. He is also a well-known collector of an array of other historic items, including presidential campaign memorabilia, the best of which is included in the current exhibition at the Betsy Ross House.

The Betsy Ross House

The Betsy Ross House is dedicated to preserving the legend of the first flag and the story of Betsy Ross, herself, and of all colonial women. The House, located at 239 Arch Street, just blocks from Independence Hall and the Liberty Bell, is one of Philadelphia's most popular historic attractions with nearly 300,000 visitors annually.

The *MARCHING TO THE WHITE HOUSE* exhibit is currently displayed in the House's gallery.

The Betsy Ross House is open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily April through October and Tuesday through Sunday in winter months. Admission is \$3 for adults, \$2 for children and seniors. An optional audio guide is \$5, which includes admission. For more information about the House or any of its programs, call (215) 686-1252 or go to www.betsyrosshouse.org.

The House is managed by Historic Philadelphia, Inc. HPI enhances the visitor experience and helps strengthen Philadelphia's tourism industry through interpretation and interaction, making our nation's history relevant and real. Historic Philadelphia, Inc.'s other programs include Once Upon A Nation storytelling and Adventure Tours, Franklin Square, and the Lights of Liberty Show. For more information, call (215) 629-4026 or visit www.onceuponanation.org.

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