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**The Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum and the
National Society Daughters of the American Revolution (*Mahwenawasigh Chapter*)**

-- in commemoration of Constitution Week --

present a conversation with Professor John Q. Barrett, contributor to

THE PRESIDENTS AND THE CONSTITUTION: A LIVING HISTORY

Friday, September 16, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

**Henry A. Wallace Center at the
FDR Presidential Library and Home**

HYDE PARK, NY -- The Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum and the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution (Mahwenawasigh Chapter) -- in commemoration of Constitution Week -- present a conversation with **Library Director Paul Sparrow and Professor John Q. Barrett**, contributor to THE PRESIDENTS AND THE CONSTITUTION: A LIVING HISTORY. The program will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, September 16, 2016 in the Henry A. Wallace Center at the FDR Presidential Library and Home. Following the presentation, Barrett will be available to sign copies of the book. This is a National Archives AMENDING AMERICA program, and is free and open to the public.

In **THE PRESIDENTS AND THE CONSTITUTION** (edited by Ken Gormley), the nation's foremost experts on the American presidency and the U.S. Constitution join together to tell the intertwined stories of how each American president has confronted and shaped the Constitution. Each occupant of the office -- the first president to the forty-fourth -- has contributed to the story of the Constitution through the decisions he made and the actions he took as the nation's chief executive.

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By examining presidential history through the lens of constitutional conflicts and challenges, **THE PRESIDENTS AND THE CONSTITUTION** offers a fresh perspective on how the Constitution has evolved in the hands of individual presidents. It delves into key moments in American history, from Washington's early battles with Congress to the advent of the national security presidency under George W. Bush and Barack Obama, to reveal the dramatic historical forces that drove these presidents to action. Historians and legal experts, including John Q. Barrett, Gary Hart, Stanley Kutler and Kenneth Starr, bring the Constitution to life, and show how the awesome powers of the American presidency have been shaped by the men who were granted them. The book brings to the fore the overarching constitutional themes that span this country's history and ties together presidencies in a way never before accomplished.

John Q. Barrett teaches Constitutional Law, Criminal Procedure and Legal History at St. John's University School of Law. Fifty years after U.S. Supreme Court Justice and Nuremberg prosecutor Robert H. Jackson's death, Professor Barrett discovered and edited Jackson's previously unknown manuscript, now an acclaimed book, **THAT MAN: AN INSIDER'S PORTRAIT OF FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT**. He is currently writing a biography of Robert H. Jackson. He is the Elizabeth S. Lenna Fellow and a Board member at the Robert H. Jackson Center in Jamestown, New York. Professor Barrett is a graduate of Georgetown University and Harvard Law School.

Copies of the book will be available for sale after the talk. Please contact Cliff Laube at (845) 486-7745 or email clifford.laube@nara.gov with questions about the event.

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Designed by Franklin Roosevelt and dedicated on June 30, 1941, the Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum is the nation's first presidential library and

the only one used by a sitting president. Every president since FDR has followed his example and established a presidential library administered by the National Archives and Records Administration to preserve and make accessible to the American people the records of their presidencies. The Roosevelt Library's mission is to foster a deeper understanding of the lives and times of Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt and their continuing impact on contemporary life. This work is carried out through the Library's archives and research room, museum collections and exhibitions, innovative educational programs, and engaging public programming. For more information about the Library or its programs call (800) 337-8474 or visit www.fdrlibrary.org.

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