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**The Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum
to commemorate the 70th Anniversary of the United Nations**

-- October 24, 2015 --

with a series of events:

ON EXHIBIT: Original Charter of the United Nations (1945)

FALL FORUM: "The Roosevelts' United Nations: Then & Now" at 3:00 p.m.

LIBRARY BUILDING ILLUMINATION: "Turn the World UN Blue"

HYDE PARK, NY -- In commemoration of the 70th Anniversary of the United Nations on October 24, 2015 (United Nations Day), the Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum will present a series of events. Beginning October 24 (and continuing through November 23), the Library will display the original **Charter of the United Nations (1945)** on loan from the National Archives in Washington, DC. Regular museum admission applies to view this historic document. At 3:00 p.m., the Library will host its annual fall forum, **"The Roosevelts' United Nations: Then & Now."** Call (845) 486-7745 to register for the forum. And on the evening of October 24, the Roosevelt Library building will be **illuminated in blue light as part of the international "Turn the World UN Blue"** initiative.

2015 marks the 70th anniversary of the signing of the United Nations Charter.

The UN was truly a creation of Franklin Roosevelt, and a legacy carried forward by Eleanor Roosevelt. FDR envisioned a world organization that would ensure lasting peace and expand the Four Freedoms to all parts of the globe. As the first woman member of the American delegation to the United Nations, Mrs. Roosevelt helped to establish our modern concept of human rights through her stewardship of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights adopted by the UN in 1948.

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ON EXHIBIT: Original Charter of the United Nations (1945)

The Roosevelt Library will display the original **Charter of the United Nations** that created the U.N. The document is on loan from the National Archives in Washington, DC from October 24 until November 23, 2015. The Charter was drafted by representatives from 50 nations at the organization's founding conference in San Francisco. It was signed on June 26, 1945, but the U.N. didn't officially come into existence until October 24, when the required number of nations ratified the Charter. That date is now observed annually as United Nations Day.

Regular museum admission applies to view the Charter.

FALL FORUM: "The Roosevelts' United Nations: Then & Now"

The Library will present "**The Roosevelts' United Nations: Then & Now**," a free public forum at 3:00 p.m. in the Henry A. Wallace Center at the FDR Presidential Library and Home on October 24, 2015. This forum will explore the creation and history of the United Nations, its successes and failures, and ways in which it may best face the challenges of tomorrow.

The panel of experts leading the discussion will include: **Linda Fasulo** (*moderator*), Independent UN Correspondent, NPR News and author of AN INSIDER'S GUIDE TO THE UN; **Stephen C. Schlesinger**, Fellow, Century Foundation and author of ACT OF CREATION: THE FOUNDING OF THE UNITED NATIONS; and **Gillian Sorensen**, Senior Advisor and National Advocate, United Nations Foundation and Assistant Secretary-General for External Relations, United Nations (1997-2003).

Registration required. Call (845) 486-7745 for information.

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LIBRARY BUILDING ILLUMINATION: "Turn the World UN Blue"

On the evening of October 24, the Library building will be **illuminated in blue light as part of the international "Turn the World UN Blue"** initiative. To help mark the 70th anniversary of the United Nations on October 24, 2015, iconic monuments, landscapes, museums, bridges, and other landmarks across the globe will be lit up blue -- the official color of the United Nations. As part of this international event, capturing images and videos of the lighted structures are a focus of the press and social media outreach supporting the initiative. Citizens are asked to get involved and take action by sharing their "Turn the World UN Blue" images using the hashtag **#UN70**.

Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum

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.marist.edu.

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