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**The Pare Lorentz Center at the FDR Presidential Library and the
National Society Daughters of the American Revolution (*Mahwenawasigh Chapter*)
-- in commemoration of Constitution Day --
will screen **A MORE PERFECT UNION: AMERICA BECOMES A NATION (1989)**
Thursday, September 17, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.
Henry A. Wallace Center at the
FDR Presidential Library and Home**

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About the film:

America, 1786. Ten years have passed since the signing of the Declaration of Independence. But America's hopes for a united country are dangerously threatened. England wages a new war of unfair trade and tariffs. Fragmented states continually bicker over currencies, trade, taxations. America is a powder keg ready to explode. But a handful of brilliant courageous men, **James Madison, George Washington,** and **Benjamin Franklin**, lead a three year diplomatic battle that culminates in Philadelphia. There they created a new form of government . . . one that has since become the standard of freedom and democracy for the rest of the world.

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A MORE PERFECT UNION -- the first comprehensive film enactment of the birth of the Constitution -- was shot on location at Independence Hall and other historic locations in Virginia. It features a distinguished staff and has been carefully crafted by a seasoned cast of motion picture professionals.

The United States Constitution (completed and ratified) launched the United States on its voyage. For two centuries this unparalleled ship of democracy has sailed forth as an enduring vessel of freedom charting a course for the governments of every free nation in the world.

Please contact Cliff Laube at (845) 486-7745 or email clifford.laube@nara.gov with questions about the event.

The Pare Lorentz Center's mission is *to apply the audiovisual techniques pioneered by Pare Lorentz to teach history and social studies, and to perpetuate Lorentz's use of the documentary format in inspiring social and political messages.* Located at the FDR Presidential Library, the center is funded through a generous grant from the New York Community Trust to the Roosevelt Institute. Pare Lorentz created groundbreaking documentary films -- a powerful synthesis of stunning imagery, poetic narration, and evocative music -- for New Deal agencies of the Roosevelt Administration. The Pare Lorentz Center creates and disseminates educational documentary materials and films to teach the history of the Age of Roosevelt and illustrate the enduring social issues (poverty, social equality and conservation) that President Roosevelt and Pare Lorentz cared so much about. Visit www.parelorentzcenter.org for more information.

The Mahwenawasigh Chapter, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, was founded in Poughkeepsie, New York, in 1894, by 13 dynamic women

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dedicated to the mission of the Daughters of the American Revolution: historic preservation, education, and patriotism. For well over a century, our members have gathered to support each other in our mutual love for our nation and its history. Chapter projects range from conservation to service for veterans, and literacy to American handicraft. Visit: www.mahwenawasigh.wix.com/mahwenawasigh.

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