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**Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum
presents an afternoon of Presidents Day Weekend Events:
Book Talk and Signing with David L. Holmes
author of THE FAITHS OF THE FOUNDING FATHERS
followed by Documents On Display: *Presidential Autographs*
Saturday, February 14, 2015, beginning at 2:00 p.m.
in the Henry A. Wallace Center
at the FDR Presidential Library and Home**

HYDE PARK, NY -- The Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum will host an afternoon of Presidents Day Weekend events on Saturday, February 14, 2015. The program will begin at 2:00 p.m. in the Henry A. Wallace Center at the FDR Presidential Library and Home with a book talk and signing with **David L. Holmes** author of **THE FAITHS OF THE FOUNDING FATHERS**. Holmes will sign copies of his book after the talk. From 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. in the Research Room of the FDR Presidential Library, visitors can view a selection of presidential autographs from the Roosevelt Library archives -- many of which are from FDR's personal collection -- **on display only once a year**. These events are free and open to the general public.

**Book Talk and Signing: David L. Holmes
author of THE FAITHS OF THE FOUNDING FATHERS**

2:00 p.m.

In **THE FAITHS OF THE FOUNDING FATHERS**, **David L. Holmes** offers a clear and concise look at the spiritual beliefs of America's founding fathers. He begins with an informative account of the religious culture of the late colonial era, surveying the religious groups in each colony. In particular, he sheds light on the various forms of Deism that flourished in America, highlighting the profound influence this intellectual movement had on the

founding generation. He finds that some, like Martha Washington, Samuel Adams, John Jay, Patrick Henry, and Thomas Jefferson's daughters, held orthodox Christian views. But many of the most influential figures, including Benjamin Franklin, George Washington, John and Abigail Adams, Jefferson, James and Dolley Madison, and James Monroe, were believers of a different stripe. Although the founding fathers were religious men, Holmes shows that it was a faith quite unlike the Christianity of today's evangelicals. *THE FAITHS OF THE FOUNDING FATHERS* offers an intriguing look at a neglected aspect of our history.

Documents on Display: *Presidential Autographs*

3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Following the book talk, visitors can view original documents from the Roosevelt Library archives bearing the signatures of many of our nation's Presidents including: John Adams, Thomas Jefferson, James Madison, Martin Van Buren, Andrew Jackson, Teddy Roosevelt, Harry Truman and John F. Kennedy. More than 30 signatures will be on display -- most of which were collected by FDR himself. **These rare documents are on display only once a year.** Attendees can view the autographs in the Research Room of the FDR Presidential Library.

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

Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum

As generations of Americans that have no personal memory of the Roosevelt Era emerge, it is more critical than ever that the lives and legacies of Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt be preserved and presented to new generations. The Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum stands ready to serve as a visible and valuable

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resource for children and families, educators and students, and an international audience seeking to understand the past to make a better tomorrow. With a newly renovated building and new permanent museum exhibits the Library seeks to honor President Roosevelt's vision in dedicating his Library to the American people. The Roosevelt Library is one of thirteen presidential libraries administered by the National Archives and Records Administration. For more information about the Library or its programs call (800) 337-8474 or visit www.fdrlibrary.marist.edu.

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