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## **REAGAN FOUNDATION CENTENNIAL** **GOP PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY DEBATE SLATED** **FOR POST-LABOR DAY**

### ***REAGAN FOUNDATION MOVES UP DEBATE DATE TO ACCOMMODATE CANDIDATES' SCHEDULES***

**SIMI VALLEY, Calif.** — The Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation, in conjunction with its debate partners NBC News and POLITICO, announced today that the Reagan Centennial GOP Presidential Primary Candidates Debate will shift to September 7, 2011, making it the first GOP debate post-Labor Day.

“After consulting with a number of the campaigns about our September debate, we’ve made the decision to move it up one week to September 7, 2011,” said John Heubusch, executive director for the Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation. “This new date works better for the campaigns, and positions the Reagan Library debate as the first stop post-Labor Day when campaigns are in full swing and voter interest is high.”

As previously announced, Brian Williams, anchor of the top-rated “NBC Nightly News,” will be co-moderator, along with POLITICO Editor-in-Chief John F. Harris, a presidential scholar and one of the nation's top political journalists. A Telemundo reporter will also join in the questioning.

The Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation still plans to host a second GOP debate on the eve of the Super Tuesday primaries. The media partners for the second, pre-Super Tuesday debate will be announced in the coming months.

The Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization dedicated to the preservation and promotion of Ronald Reagan's legacy of inspired freedom and his timeless principles of individual liberty, economic opportunity, global democracy and national pride. It sustains the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library and Museum, the Reagan Center for Public Affairs, the Walter and Leonore Annenberg Presidential Learning Center and The Air Force One Pavilion. Located in Simi Valley, Calif., the library houses 63 million pages of gubernatorial, presidential and personal papers and over 60,000 gifts and artifacts chronicling the lives of Ronald and Nancy Reagan. It now also serves as the final resting place of America's 40th president. [www.reaganfoundation.org](http://www.reaganfoundation.org)

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