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# REAGAN FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES PARTNERSHIP WITH CNN FOR GOP PRESIDENTIAL DEBATE; SEPT 16, 2015

**Simi Valley, CA** – The Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation (<u>www.reaganfoundation.org</u>) announced today that it has joined forces with CNN (<u>www.cnn.com</u>) to host its GOP presidential candidates debate in 2015. The debate will be held on September 16, 2015 at the Reagan Library. Further details regarding the debate will be released in the coming months.

"Over thirty five years ago, Ronnie announced his candidacy for higher office because he believed that the citizens of this country wanted a president who could inspire," said former First Lady Nancy Reagan. "I believe with all my heart that the country, and the world, prospered under his leadership. It is time to find a new leader, and I'm so pleased that the Reagan Foundation, just as it has in the last two presidential elections, will be hosting a candidates' debate to do just that."

This is the second time that the Reagan Foundation has partnered with CNN for a presidential debate. The first was held at the Reagan Library on January 30, 2008 and was the final GOP presidential debate before the 2008 "Super-Tuesday" primary in California and several other key states.

"As the GOP hopefuls begin to line up for the 2016 election, we are pleased to announce CNN is partnering again with the Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation," said Jeff Zucker, President of CNN Worldwide. "President Reagan is frequently cited as a source of inspiration for many Republican candidates, so we can think of no better venue from which to bring this historic event to viewers and voters."

### About the Reagan Foundation

The Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation is a non-profit, non-partisan 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. <u>www.reaganfoundation.org</u>.

### About CNN

CNN Worldwide is a portfolio of two dozen news and information services across cable, satellite, radio, wireless devices and the Internet in more than 200 countries and territories worldwide. Domestically, CNN reaches more individuals on television, the web and mobile devices than any other cable TV news organization in the United States; internationally, CNN is the most widely distributed news channel reaching more than 271 million households abroad; and CNN Digital is a top network for online news, mobile news

and social media. Additionally, CNN Newsource is the world's most extensively utilized news service partnering with hundreds of local and international news organizations around the world. CNN is division of Turner Broadcasting System, Inc., a Time Warner Company.

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