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ALASKA PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBIT OPENS TOMORROW

ROBERT GLENN KETCHUM SHOWS A WORLD OF NATIONAL PARKS & WILDLIFE REFUGES

Atlanta, GA. - Take a spectacular visual trip to Alaska through the lens of world famous photographer Robert Glenn Ketchum. An exhibition of more than three dozen of his photographs of Southwest Alaska goes on display tomorrow (Saturday, December 22nd) at the Jimmy Carter Presidential Library and Museum.

"We are proud to host this exhibition because of President Carter's work to preserve this fragile land for generations to come," Carter Library Director Jay Hakes said.

Covering an area larger than the state of Washington, southwest Alaska is a vast watershed that drains from the summits and uplands of the Alaska and Aleutian mountain ranges, west to Bristol Bay and the Bering Sea. A tundra and forest landscape, it is crossed by hundreds of rivers and scattered with thousands of lakes, including Iliamna, one of the ten largest freshwater lakes on the planet. Home to three national wildlife refuges, two national parks (Katmai and Lake Clark), and Wood-Tikchik, the largest state park in the United States, the habitat supports a great array of wildlife including caribou, moose, eagle, and brown bear. It is also the most productive salmon fishery in the history of the world.

The photographs in this exhibit have been selected from Robert Glenn Ketchum's comprehensive 2-book Aperture release, *Rivers of Life: Southwest Alaska, The Last Great Salmon Fishery and Wood-Tikchik: Alaska's Largest State Park* the most complete photographic archive ever created of this area.

Some images in this exhibit are larger than life, and their startling clarity gives the boreal landscape a surreal quality. The richness and subtlety of these 30"x 40", 48"x 66" photographic prints are the incomparable results of someone that has been pioneering the exploration of color and scale for nearly 35 years.

"While Alaska may seem far away to Georgians, the climate change crisis is reinforcing how differing landscapes across the globe are interconnected and how people must work together to save our natural world," said Shelly Lakly, director of The Nature Conservancy in Georgia, a sponsor of the exhibition.

The Carter Presidential Museum is open Monday through Saturday from 9 am until 4:45 pm and on Sunday from noon until 4:45 pm. The museum will be closed Christmas Day and New Years Day. Admission is \$8 for adults, \$6 for seniors (60+), military and students with IDs. Those 16 and under are free. There is plenty of free parking.

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