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EXCITING NEW CARTER PRESIDENTIAL MUSEUM GETTING CLOSER *RE-OPENING CEREMONY PLANNED FOR OCTOBER 1ST*

Atlanta, GA. - The All New Jimmy Carter Presidential Museum will host a gala re-opening ceremony at 10:30 am on Thursday, October 1st. It will be a very special day as we celebrate President Carter's 85th birthday and the brand new museum that honors his life and work.

The re-opening ceremony and ribbon-cutting will be in front of the Carter Presidential Museum and is open to the public. Join the Carters, members of the Carter Administration, and state and local officials for this exciting event. Then be among the first to see the all new, state-of-the-art Carter Presidential Museum.

The new museum features exhibits designed for the entire family, interactive displays that will fascinate as well as educate, historic items and state gifts which have not been previously displayed, and in a first for presidential museums, a major section devoted to the Carters' work after leaving the White House.

Visitors will experience what it is like to be President of the United States in a unique, extensive area called "A Day in the Life of the President". Here, you'll spend one entire day with President Carter, from his 5:30 am wake-up call, through all the issues and decisions he faces during the day, until he goes to bed that night. "It is like the tv show *West Wing*, but on steroids," said Carter Library Director Jay Hakes. "I think visitors will be amazed at how many different, critical issues a President faces each and every day."

The Carter Presidential Library houses more than 27 million pages of presidential papers from the Carter Administration and, for the first time, visitors will be able to electronically experience what it is like to be a researcher going through the materials. Computer screens in front of the display of the presidential papers enable visitors to pull up selected documents, much like a researcher going through the archives. It is an opportunity to sample the wealth of source material available at the Carter Presidential Library.

For the first time, the Carter Presidential Museum will devote a large section of the museum to the post-presidency. "President Carter's impact after his political career ended is a unique story in the chronicles of presidential history. The exhibits will show the connections between his roots in Georgia, his agenda as president and his determination to continue working for peace and human rights after the White House," Hakes said. The centerpiece of the section is a large interactive exhibit with multiple touch-screen stations that will take visitors on a virtual trip with the Carters around the world. They will experience the Carter Center's work fighting disease and promoting democracy. They will meet some of the millions of people whose lives have been changed, learn about their communities, and get a better understanding of the challenges and triumphs faced by President and Mrs. Carter and the Carter Center staff.

"We have changed everything in the museum except our exact replica of the Oval Office," Hakes said. "I know visitors will be as excited about the All New Carter Presidential Museum as we are."