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# **MEDIA ADVISORY**

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**Who:** Andy Gipson, Commissioner of Agriculture and Commerce

**What:** Press Conference and Ribbon Cutting for Ag Museum's 40th Birthday Celebration

**When:** Saturday, September 9, 2023; 9:30 a.m.

**Where:** Mississippi Agriculture and Forestry Museum  
1150 Lakeland Drive, Jackson, MS 39216

**Commissioner Andy Gipson to Cut Ribbon at the Mississippi Agriculture and Forestry Museum's 40th Birthday Celebration**

**JACKSON, Miss.** – Commissioner of Agriculture and Commerce Andy Gipson invites the media to attend a press conference and ribbon cutting to commemorate the Mississippi Agriculture and Forestry Museum's 40 years of educating the public on the importance of agriculture. The press conference will be held at the Heritage Center on the museum grounds this Saturday, September 9, at 9:30 a.m.

Commissioner Gipson will be joined by Theresa Love, executive director of the Mississippi Agriculture and Forestry Museum; Dr. Bill Herndon, chairman of the Mississippi Agriculture and Forestry Museum Foundation; and Glenn Holloway, representative of the National Agricultural Aviation Museum. The group will retrace the steps of former Ag Commissioner Jim Buck Ross and other statewide officials who cut the ceremonial ribbon to the museum 40 years ago on September 20, 1983.

This event is open to the public and will kick-off the museum's 40th Birthday Celebration, which runs 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and includes 40 unique experiences throughout the museum grounds for visitors.

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**Media Note:** The media can enter through the main museum entrance off Lakeland Drive. Parking will be available at the Heritage Center's circle parking lot and the press conference will take place in front of the building. Commissioner Andy Gipson will be available for interviews.