

## JOHN GLENN CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION SLATED FOR JULY 16-18, 2021

Cambridge, Ohio (May 4, 2021) Plans are underway for the John Glenn Centennial Celebration which will celebrate the life and legacy of Ohio's hometown hero, John H. Glenn, Jr. on July 16- 18, 2021.

During his distinguished career, John Glenn was a fighter pilot, a World War II and Korean War hero, set a transcontinental air speed record, was the fifth man in space, the first American who orbited Earth, a US Senator, and the oldest person to ever go into space first in 1962 at the age of 40 and on his last mission in 1998 at the age of 77. He began the John Glenn College of Public Affairs at the Ohio State University. He received the NASA Distinguished Service Medal, the Congressional Space Medal of Honor and was inducted into the Astronaut Hall of Fame. He was also awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom.

John Glenn was born in Guernsey County and raised in Muskingum County, Ohio. The two communities are collaborating in recognition of what would be John Glenn's 100th birthday on July 18, 2021. Events planned for the celebration will begin on Friday, July 16<sup>th</sup> and conclude on Sunday, July 18<sup>th</sup>. Overnight packages in the Cambridge area are available for the weekend and includes admission tickets to other popular area attractions, gift cards to area restaurants and Downtown Cambridge shops and John Glenn Centennial commemorative items.

Many exciting and educational events are planned to include a Friendship 7 Parade sponsored by the mayors of Cambridge and New Concord, a Friendship 7- Miler race between the two communities, on July 16- 18, 2021 by Retired Ohio Astronaut Don Thomas, space movies, rides in the WACO biplane (like the plane young John flew in over Cambridge that gave him the aviation bug) , rocket car rides, musical presentations, children's activities, heritage and food trails and space movies are also planned.

For more information, contact the Cambridge/Guernsey County Visitors & Convention Bureau at 800-933-4580, [info@VisitGuernseyCounty.com](mailto:info@VisitGuernseyCounty.com) or log on to [www.VisitGuernseyCounty.com](http://www.VisitGuernseyCounty.com).