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Public to get first look at Lincoln sculpture Nov. 19 at Gettysburg Museum and Visitor Center

Other special events highlight Dedication Day, Remembrance Day

Gettysburg, Pa. (Nov. 18, 2009) — The Gettysburg Foundation invites members of the public to get a first look at a new Lincoln sculpture on Thursday, Nov. 19 at the main entrance of the Gettysburg National Military Park Museum and Visitor Center, 1195 Baltimore Pike.

The sculpture and associated landscaping are the gifts of philanthropist Robert H. Smith. The sculpture is the work of Brooklyn, N.Y.-based StudioEIS and Ivan Schwartz, the studio's founder and director. The environment for the sculpture has been created by landscape architect Andrew Balderson of Donovan, Feola, Balderson & Associates of Montgomery Village, Md.

The installation of the Lincoln sculpture is just one of several upcoming special events held at Gettysburg National Military Park over Dedication Day and Remembrance Day weekend:

■ Thursday, Nov. 19: 146th Anniversary of the Gettysburg Address; Soldiers' National Cemetery. This annual observation of President Abraham Lincoln's Gettysburg Address includes a wreath-laying ceremony at 9:30 a.m. in the cemetery, followed by a memorial service at the brick rostrum at 10 a.m.

■ Friday, Nov. 20: "An Evening with the Painting"; 5 – 7:30 p.m.; Gettysburg National Military Park Museum and Visitor Center. Learn about the history of the Battle of Gettysburg Cyclorama painting. Attendees will have an opportunity to spend time viewing the painting in the gallery. Tickets are available online at www.gettysburgfoundation.org or by calling 877-874-2478.

■ Saturday, Nov. 21: Jeff Shaara Book Signing at the Museum Bookstore, Gettysburg National Military Park Museum and Visitor Center; 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. Award-winning author Jeff Shaara will be signing copies of *Gods and Generals*, *Last Full Measure* and other titles at this book signing event. Books will be available for purchase.

■ Saturday, Nov. 21: Seventh Annual Remembrance Illumination; 5:30 – 9:30 p.m.; Soldiers' National Cemetery. The Gettysburg Foundation will light more than 3,500 luminary candles on the graves of Civil War soldiers in the Soldiers' National Cemetery. The event is free and open to the public. The Captain of the USS Gettysburg will be lighting candles—one for each branch of the armed forces—at 5:30 p.m. in the Pennsylvania section of the Cemetery. Visitors will be able to enter the National Cemetery via both of its entrances—Baltimore Street and Taneytown Road. In keeping with the solemnity of the event, the Foundation asks that flash photography be kept to a minimum. Parking is available in the Soldiers' National Cemetery parking lot on

Taneytown Road. This event will be cancelled in the event of severely inclement weather—such as heavy rain or high winds.

For more information about the Remembrance Illumination, contact the Gettysburg Foundation’s administrative offices at 866-889-1243 or visit www.gettysburgfoundation.org.

The Gettysburg Foundation is a private, non-profit educational organization working in partnership with the National Park Service to enhance preservation and understanding of the heritage and lasting significance of Gettysburg. The Foundation raised funds for and now operates the Museum and Visitor Center at Gettysburg National Military Park, which opened in April 2008. In addition to operating the Museum and Visitor Center, the Foundation has a broad preservation mission that includes land, monument and artifact preservation and battlefield rehabilitation — all in support of the National Park Service’s goals at Gettysburg.

For information about the Foundation, about visiting Gettysburg, or how you can become a part of the history of Gettysburg through your contribution, visit www.gettysburgfoundation.org or call 877-874-2478 or the administrative offices at 717-338-1243.