



December 21, 2020

SUBJECT: THE CANCELLATION OF HONOLULU FESTIVAL

Aloha!

The Honolulu Festival Foundation announced that the annual Honolulu Festival, which had been scheduled for March 12-14, 2021, has been canceled to prevent the further spread of COVID-19 among residents and visitors. This marks the second straight year the Honolulu Festival will be canceled due to COVID-19 after having been held every year from 1995 through 2019.

After thoughtful discussions with state and city officials, as well as our Honolulu Festival Foundation board of directors, it was determined that holding a large-scale event would not likely be possible in March under the current COVID-19 health and safety guidelines in place. The well-being remains our community is our top priority.

The goal of the annual Honolulu Festival is to celebrate the cultural and ethnic ties of people from Hawaii and nations worldwide. Honolulu Festival activities are free and open to the public with support provided by the Honolulu Festival Foundation, the Consulate General of Japan in Honolulu, the State of Hawaii, the City and County of Honolulu, the Hawaii Tourism Authority through its Community Enrichment Program, and a range of corporate sponsors.

The Honolulu Festival Foundation supports educational and cultural programs for the benefit of Hawaii's schools, children, and the community-at-large through public outreach and charitable efforts.

Wishing you and yours a very happy holiday season!

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