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Annual 4th of July Run and Pier Festival Cancelled as City Explores Non-Traditional 4th of July Activities During the COVID-19 Pandemic

The Huntington Beach Annual 4th of July celebration – which includes the 4th of July Run, the Festival at the Pier, the Parade, and Fireworks Show – has been an iconic and beloved tradition for both Huntington Beach residents and visitors. However, given the current COVID-19 pandemic, there are changes that will have to be made for our 2020 celebration. To that end, given current concerns with large gatherings, and in recognition of logistical coordination issues, the 4th of July Run and Pier Festival have been cancelled.

However, with respect to the Parade, Fireworks Show, and safe and sane fireworks sales, the City is continuing to monitor public health guidance from the State and Orange County health officials in hopes of being able to safely facilitate a local 4th of July celebration. Given the current uncertainty and high likelihood that large gatherings will not be permitted this summer, the City and the 4th of July Executive Board are evaluating the feasibility of instituting non-traditional and creative opportunities to maintain some type of July 4th celebration activities. The City and event organizers understand and appreciate the importance of the 4th of July here in Huntington Beach, and recognize the need to celebrate the significant milestone that July 4th represents in our nation's history. To that end, additional updates will be provided in the near future to keep the community informed as those decisions are being made.

Regardless of how we as a community celebrate the 4th of July in Huntington Beach, it remains of critical importance that everyone continue to maintain social distancing measures to continue to slow the transmission of the COVID-19 virus. For more information on the 4th of July activities and other City events, visit the City's coronavirus information website at www.hbready.com.

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