



### Notice of 2020 Festival Cancellation

March 12, 2020

Since the news has come out about the Covid19 virus, we have been following the progression to see how it would impact the Arizona Dragon Boat festival this year. We have been continuing to follow in line and cooperation with the City of Tempe, Maricopa county health guidelines and that of the CDC. Over the last few days since our last communication, those concerns have been heightened with additional spread and official declarations as well as growing public health concerns over the gathering of large crowds.

The state and county health organizations have not imposed any restrictions on outdoor or open-air events, however when considering the paramount importance of ensuring the health and safety of our staff, paddlers and the public, combined with the lack of access and availability of supplies such as sanitizer and wipes, we have come to the unfortunate decision that the 17<sup>th</sup> Arizona Dragon Boat Festival scheduled for March 28-29, 2020, will be **canceled**. *Our new date is March 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> 2021*

The AZDBA assures everyone that the decision to postpone the festival was not taken lightly, nor without due and comprehensive consultations with appropriate authorities and stakeholders.

Any questions you may have can be directed at your AZDBA festival contact.

***Kind Regards,***

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