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2021 Colorado Dragon Boat Festival Cancelled

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To the Colorado Dragon Boat Festival community and supporters:

As we approach the 2021 Colorado Dragon Boat Festival that was rescheduled to take place on September 25-26, the Colorado Dragon Boat Leadership has closely monitored the COVID-19 pandemic (including the increasing spread of the delta variant) and the blue-green algae bloom at Sloan’s Lake. After weighing the health and safety of our community, volunteers, dragon boaters, and performers (many of whom are children under the age of 12 and/or family members), and also considering the current closure of Sloan’s Lake due to the health risks posed by a blue-green algae bloom, we have decided that the most prudent decision is to cancel the 2021 Colorado Dragon Boat Festival. This decision was not made lightly and we hope to bring our annual celebration of Asian and Asian American Pacific Islander heritage back in 2022.

For the past 21 years, the Colorado Dragon Boat Festival has brought people together to experience, celebrate and enjoy dragon boat racing, culture, arts and entertainment, and food. We are proud to have grown into the largest dragon boat festival in the United States. As a nonprofit, we rely on donations, sponsorships and proceeds from the festival to support our organization, employees, community, and our mission of supporting the AAPI community. Without help from you, we will not be able to continue the wonderful tradition of bringing our community together for the annual Colorado Dragon Boat Festival. If you are interested in supporting us during this difficult time, please visit our website at www.cdbf.org for information
on how to donate online. Should you wish to make a donation directly to us, you may also send your check payable to Colorado Dragon Boat at 3000 Youngfield St., Suite 140, Wheat Ridge, CO 80215.

If you are interested in learning more about the Colorado Dragon Boat Festival or would like more information about our decision, please contact our Executive Director, Sara Moore, at sara@cdbf.org. Thank you for your support and understanding as we navigate these challenging times together.

Stay safe and be well,
Colorado Dragon Boat Board of Directors

*The mission of Colorado Dragon Boat is to build bridges of awareness, knowledge, and understanding between the diverse Asian American Pacific Islander (AAPI) communities and the general public through cultural education, leadership development, and athletic competition.*

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