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FIESTA NOCHE DEL RIO CANCELS ITS 64TH SEASON DUE TO PANDEMIC CONCERNS

SAFETY OF THE PERFORMERS, STAFF AND AUDIENCE IS OF UTMOST IMPORTANCE

San Antonio, Texas, May 22, 2020 – Due to overriding concerns for the safety of its performers, volunteers and staff, and audience members, the producers of the 64th annual presentation of *Fiesta Noche del Rio* – the Alamo Kiwanis Club – have made the decision to cancel the 2020 season of performances that were slated to occur this summer. Any tickets purchased by the public for the 2020 season performances will be refunded.

The Alamo Kiwanis Club Charities, Inc., has been producing *Fiesta Noche del Rio* continuously since 1957, when it was approached by the San Antonio City Council to undertake an effort to stimulate interest and foot traffic on the River Walk. The legendary Rosita Fernandez – “San Antonio’s First Lady of Song” – created and performed in the original production of *Fiesta Noche del Rio*. Since then, every Friday and Saturday evening during the summer, it has become an enduring favorite for thousands of tourists and locals alike. Most importantly, the Alamo Kiwanis Club, which presents *Noche del Rio*, distributes the show’s proceeds to worthy local children’s charities. Throughout its history of operations, almost \$3 million have been raised for the less fortunate and disadvantaged children throughout the greater San Antonio area.

"Alamo Kiwanis Club takes its mission of helping children in need in San Antonio very seriously. However, as safety is our primary concern, and the practical difficulties of performing safely in 2020, during a global pandemic, are difficult if not impossible to overcome, we have made the

responsible decision to cancel our performances,” states Heather Akkerman, the Alamo Kiwanis Club Executive Director. “Our intent is to weather the storm – and to plan a return in 2021.”

“On behalf of the Alamo Kiwanis Club and its 118 men and women members who are business and civic leaders dedicated to serving the community, we are cancelling our Fiesta Noche del Rio out of an abundance of caution,” states Greg Stouffer, Club President. “While we know this is a disappointment for our fans, I wish to assure you that, given the appropriate circumstances, we will be back, and better than ever!”

"The safety of our guests, cast and crew and the members of the Alamo Kiwanis remain our top priority. It is important to us that we comply with the recommendations and requirements set forth by both the City of San Antonio and the State of Texas,” states Katie Rodriguez Hall, Fiesta Noche del Rio Director/Choreographer. “We look forward to seeing everyone at different events throughout the city and hope you will join us for the 65th season. It wouldn't be a Fiesta Noche del Rio without you!"

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