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COVID-19 FORCES THE CANCELLATION OF THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY AIRSHOW

Locally organized by volunteers and support by sponsors and the community at large, the organization that has a long history of contributing millions of dollars to charities faced with a heart breaking decision.

April 3, 2020 - SALINAS, CA On April 2, 2020 at 4:15pm the all volunteer Board of Directors of the California International Airshow has made the difficult decision to cancel the 40th Anniversary show scheduled for June 5, 6 and 7, 2020, due to the COVID-19 (Coronavirus) Pandemic. “The safety of our Airshow supporters, volunteers, and the community is a priority and, sadly, it has now become apparent we will not be able to proceed,” said Karen Curtis board president.

The Board has been closely following the guidelines for our local, state and national leaders very carefully and wanted to remain hopeful the spread of the virus would start to diminish in ample time for our annual charitable event. The goal was to give our community an event to look forward to as this crisis subsided, but even more so, as an avenue to push charitable dollars when they are most needed here at home.

The mission each year of the Airshow is to stage a safe, family-oriented event for the Community, showcasing the World’s best military and civilian air show performers, while



raising over \$8.5 million for local charities since our inception in 1981. The USAF Thunderbirds were set to perform at this year's show, along with many other exceptional acts.

"While we are saddened to have to cancel our 40th Anniversary show, the Airshow will continue to work with the military and civilian performers in the future to bring back this popular all-volunteer community event," said Curtis.

The Air Show Board of Directors is grateful all of the Air Show Sponsors, President's Club Members, Volunteers, and the thousands of air show spectators who attend our annual charitable event. "We wish everyone and their families the very best in health during this National crisis," said Curtis.

All tickets purchased on-line for our 2020 show will be automatically refunded by the on-line ticket service provider. Please watch our website for further updates, www.salinairshow.com.

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