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Due to the evolving Covid-19 pandemic and the continued uncertainty for social gatherings, as well as the financial implications, all the risks were considered for all our exhibitors, their families, our volunteers and, most importantly, the public in making this decision.

The Richland County Administration, Health Officer, and the Fair Committee has been monitoring our situation since March in search of a safe path to the 2020 Richland County Fair. We have struggled back and forth with the planning of our fair every day. However, after communicating with our local partners and following guidelines provided by the CDC, State and Local Governments, a decision was reached.

With concern for the safety and health of the community, the general public, our vendors, carnival workers, sponsors, and service groups as well as our exhibitors, volunteers, Fair staff, and all other participants, it is with great sadness that the very difficult decision was made to cancel the 2020 Richland County Fair scheduled for September 9-13.

While we understand that everyone has different opinions on Covid-19, the struggles we face with sanitation, physical distancing, and liability, decisions have to be made based on the current moment in time for our community as a whole.

We understand how disappointing it is with everyone involved and we definitely feel it too! The decision to cancel the fair was not taken lightly.

Our fair traditions, youth, and community are important to us. It brings great joy to gather with friends and family, creating memories, enjoying fair food along with checking out the vendors, rides, games, entertainment, and exhibits. As we look forward to the 2021 Richland County Fair, our number one priority is the health, happiness and safety of our youth, families, and communities. We appreciate all the support and encouragement we have received in the past and we look forward to working with and supporting you at the 2021 Richland County Fair.

Thank you.

Carla Doudna, Fair Coordinator and the Richland County Fair Committee