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Impact of COVID-19 on 2020 Garden Fair and 2020 Farm Fair

Kauai County Farm Bureau Members and Supporters:

Given the rapid expansion of COVID-19 (SARS-CoV-2) and considering the health and safety of our Kauai community, the KCFB Board of Directors has decided to defer the Garden Fair as well as the Farm Fair for 2020.

At this moment, holding an event that brings together hundreds of people in close proximity was deemed not prudent. In alignment with measures being taken by our key partner, the University of Hawaii, we have cancelled the 2020 Garden Fair that was to be held in April.

The outlook for public health conditions this summer is also uncertain even as key decisions and commitments for the Farm Fair were approaching quickly. As a volunteer organization, we fully appreciate the time and effort it takes to organize and prepare an event of this complexity. We thus recognized the need to provide clarity to the vendors, non-profits, and other stakeholders about the status of one of Kauai's largest public events. Given the stakes, we made a decision with the information available.

We were excited about the Garden Fair and looking forward to the 52nd year of the Farm Fair. Though we regret having to take these actions, our responsibility to safeguard the health and welfare of the public, our volunteers, and members is more important.

Please be on the lookout for future announcements about KCFB events as the situation evolves. It is our mission to support our agricultural community on Kauai and we take pride in providing events that the whole community can gather at and enjoy safely.

/s/ 2020 KCFB Board of Directors