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SAIPAN MARATHON 2021 POSTPONED

Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands (NMI) – Saipan Marathon 2021, originally scheduled for March, has been postponed until further notice due to the continuing worldwide coronavirus pandemic.

The Marianas Visitors Authority (MVA) announced the postponement today in consideration of coronavirus concerns and anticipated low demand.

"Saipan has been able to minimize coronavirus infection with a strict entry requirement for all passengers, including a 5-day quarantine period, and strong community cooperation with social distancing, mask-wearing, and handwashing," said MVA Managing Director Priscilla M. Iakopo. "We are grateful these measures have help prevent any community spread in the last five months in The Marianas. We will continue to monitor how the coronavirus and travel situation develops over the coming months.

In March 2020, 540 athletes took part in the event, which included a marathon, half-marathon, 10K, and 5K.

For more information, visit the Marianas Visitors Authority website at www.mymarianas.com.

The Marianas are an archipelago of 14 islands - including Saipan, Tinian, and Rota - in the Western

Pacific. Latte stone limestone monoliths from the time of the pyramids, traditional nature-based ocean navigation not reliant on modern technology, and a culture seasoned by East and West influences are just a few of the experiences awaiting visitors to The Marianas, where pristine sea, sand, and skies are just three to four hours by plane from major Asian gateway cities. The Marianas are home to indigenous Chamorro and Carolinian people, as well as over 20 different ethnicities from around the world who live and work in this harmonious tropical paradise. United Airlines flies to The Marianas several times a week from Guam. Interisland travel to Rota and Tinian is provided by Star Marianas Air. For more information on The Marianas, visit www.mymarianas.com, Facebook/mymarianas, or Instagram @themarianas.

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