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“It is a rare occasion that the community of Portland has not come together to celebrate, and in those few instances it was always to support the community, our family, friends and neighbors through a challenge. In these unprecedented times, it is for those same reasons, and with long thought, that the decision has been made to postpone Beer Fest on the Bridge to August 14th, 2021” stated Tina Conner-Wellman, Portland Downtown Development Executive Director.

The safety and health of our entire community, guests, volunteers, and staff is our first priority and always top of mind when making our decisions. We did not make this decision lightly. However, in these uncertain times, we are unable to be fully confident in the fact that it will be safe to gather and celebrate in our favorite setting, Veteran’s Memorial Bridge and Boardwalk during the first week of August 2020.

“Beer Fest on the Bridge has quickly become a favorite of craft brew fans around the state, it’s a key fundraising component for other downtown activities. It’s upsetting to cancel the 2020 event, but prioritizing the health and safety of guests, volunteers and the community is the right thing to do”, said Jim Barnes, Mayor for the City of Portland. “We appreciate the support of our Downtown Development Board of Directors, and our consultant Paul Starr of I’m a Beer Hound Productions, with this difficult decision”.

With this decision made we can continue to focus our energy to assist ng the community in its time of need and we urge everyone to do the same. Ticket refunds will be issued in the following days. We thank you for your support and patience with us during this difficult time.

For all up to date information follow us on Facebook or go to our web-site www.miportland.org

In the meantime, stay safe, be healthy and enjoy Michigan craft beer, wine and cider responsibly in cozy, socially distanced groups!

With Care,

Tina ConnerWellman

Director - Portland Downtown Development