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(TEXAS - 23 February, 2023) *It is with the deepest regret that we must announce the cancellation of the 2023 Texas Scottish Festival & Highland Games(TSF&HG) in Decatur, Texas..*

We have enjoyed Wise County and community since our arrival in 2018. But as we prepared for this year's festival, we have found obstacles in our current model. Some due to regulatory requirements, location constraints, volunteer/board commitments, changes in sponsorships and pricing increases. We have been working for four years to get ahead of these challenges and find collaborative solutions. Sadly we do not feel we can overcome these challenges in advance of the 2023 TSF&HG. We have made the difficult but necessary decision to cancel the 2023 May Festival in Decatur, TX. We concluded we could not create the type of experience that meets our standards and measure up to our reputation for producing the cultural experience we have nurtured since 1986.

Our mission remains the same and we remain committed to Texas Scottish Culture—Athletics, Art, Dance, Unique Music, Art/Cultural Vendors, Craft Beer, Delicious Whisky, Dogs, Attire, Pipes & Drums and so much more! We plan to take this time to; 1. re-identify the festivals goals 2. Evaluate current festival model and challenges. 3. Build our communication with membership, sponsors and work to expand our leadership board and volunteer core.

This year we will be focusing on smaller events and continuing to support Scottish and Celtic organizations here in Texas, nationally and abroad. Some of these events we are currently working on are Kilted Foot Races, Golf and Athletics. Stay up to date on events, leadership and volunteer information by following us on social media and sign up for our email list(link below).

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