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CITY OF REEDSBURG, WISCONSIN David Estes Mayor

Reedsburg, Wisconsin – Annual Freedom Fest Celebration Cancelled:

In light of the COVID-19 pandemic and the ongoing impact on the public, and with strict consultation of local health professionals, the Reedsburg Freedom Fest Committee has made the difficult decision to cancel the 2020 Freedom Fest Celebration.

"We are terribly disappointed to have to cancel this wonderful event," said Dave Estes, Mayor of the City of Reedsburg. "But the safety of the citizens of Reedsburg remains our top priority throughout this unprecedented public health emergency."

The Reedsburg community has honored and celebrated the anniversary of our United States' founding for years. Rich in local history, the Reedsburg community needed to revitalize of the event. In 2013, the City of Reedsburg formed a blue-ribbon committee for the formation of the Freedom Fest Committee; the committee represents numerous community groups, organizations, and volunteers that come together and present a unified, family-friendly event. This example of "small town" America celebrating as it has since David C. Reed built a saw and grist mill on the Baraboo River starting the village of Reedsburg.

"I would like to thank the Freedom Fest Committee for their tireless work in putting this event on. While they share my deep disappointment with the outcome of this year's festival, you can rest assured that next year's Freedom Fest celebration will be the biggest and best yet!" Estes said.

For further information, contact Mayor David Estes at 524-6404 or by email at mayor@ci.reedsburg.wi.us.

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