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Dr. Martin “Marty” Makary Assists the Fiesta® San Antonio Commission with Planning for Fiesta 2021

SAN ANTONIO (January 8, 2021) – The Fiesta® San Antonio Commission will be working with Dr. Martin “Marty” Makary as we move forward with plans to host Fiesta 2021. Dr. Makary is a professor of health policy at the Johns Hopkins School of Public Health, a professor of surgery at the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine and an expert on public health policy. He has assisted H-E-B and the San Antonio Spurs with their decision making to address COVID-19 related issues. Click [here](#) for a full bio.

Dr. Makary says, “Fiesta is an important community tradition. The safety of attendees, volunteers and staff are an important pre-requisite.”

The health and safety of Fiesta’s 2.5 million+ guests, 75,000+ volunteers, 100+ Participating Member Organizations (PMOs), and many other supporters remain the Commission’s number one priority, which is why the Fiesta® San Antonio Commission sought the expert advice from Dr. Makary. In consultation with City of San Antonio and Metro Health officials and Dr. Makary, the Commission’s goal is to provide its PMOs support to assist them in their decision-making process. Because each Fiesta event is unique, the Commission is providing opportunities for many PMOs to interact with Dr. Makary so they can determine their own needs and plans for Fiesta 2021.

Fiesta® San Antonio Commission President, Baltazar (Walter) Serna, states, “The Commission certainly advocates for safe and responsible behavior as outlined by Metro Health, CDC, City of San Antonio and Bexar County. If we work together, now, to successfully implement COVID-19 safety protocols, i.e., mask wearing, social distancing, etc., we believe Fiesta events will occur in 2021.”

The Fiesta® San Antonio Commission would love for Fiesta 2021 to occur in April with 100% capacity at all of the official Fiesta events, but understands the challenges that still exist for the city and our PMOs. With Dr. Makary’s insight and support, the Fiesta® San Antonio Commission will work with the City of San Antonio and Metro Health officials and the PMOs to develop plans to celebrate Fiesta 2021 in a safe and healthy manner.

About the Fiesta® San Antonio Commission

The Fiesta® San Antonio Commission Inc. is a nonprofit, volunteer, self-supporting organization that plans, promotes, coordinates, and preserves Fiesta® San Antonio through support of its Participating Member Organizations in presenting a safe, educational, annual celebration of the diverse heritage, culture and spirit of San Antonio for its residents and visitors.

Fiesta® San Antonio is a fusion of arts, heritage and culture to honor the memory of the heroes of the Alamo and the Battle of San Jacinto. Taking place over 11 days, Fiesta literally has something for everyone with more than 110 events ranging in highlights from music, food, sports and pageantry to military and patriotic observances, exhibits, parades, Fiesta Royalty and more.

More than 100 local nonprofit organizations and military units create the more than 100 terrific events that take place over 11 days. Those nonprofit organizations spend the rest of the year giving back to the community of San Antonio.