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Dear Members of Multiples of America,

Multiples of America's Board of Directors is passionate about our organization and has been working hard to provide our members with an exciting convention this July 2020 for our 60th anniversary. We have also been continuously monitoring the COVID-19 situation as it has escalated across the country and are grateful for our healthcare workers on the front lines. Our hearts go out to those that have been directly affected by this disease.

In light of the still many unknowns concerning timing, travel bans, shelter in place orders, mandates for 10 or fewer people to meet together, the overall severity, and the potentially devastating aftermath of this unprecedented pandemic, we have made the difficult decision to NOT have our Convention this year.

While we are extremely disappointed we will be unable to meet in person, after careful deliberation and in following the guidance and recommendations made by the local, state, and national authorities, we cannot in good conscience risk the health and well-being of our members, their families and their communities. We feel this effort to support the response of isolating and slowing the ongoing spread of COVID-19 is the best way to minimize the risk to our membership. The safety of our convention attendees and members is our top priority, as is our obligation to all our member clubs and members nationwide! So many are being affected physically, emotionally, and financially – please be sure to check on your fellow parents of multiples during this difficult time!

If you have a room or rooms reserved in our meeting block, you do not need to call to cancel your room. The hotel will make those cancellations for you. This is one of many reasons we encourage participation in our room block - If you booked outside of the block or through other means, we advise you to call to cancel your booking at this time.

In accordance with our bylaws, while we cannot conduct convention, we still have the ability to vote and carry out the critical and necessary business of our organization which would include the proposed budget, election of officers, and any proposed bylaws or amendments. We are currently reviewing the best options to provide information by virtual means with a platform for discussion and will share this information as soon as we have it available. **Club Representatives**, please watch closely for our upcoming mailings with additional information for meeting online and for club voting changes. **Members**, please make sure to keep in contact with your club representatives. This is usually your club President and National Representative but may include different officers, depending on your club. These contacts will have the most up-to-date information for your club. The latest information will also be available on our Facebook page and our website www.multiplesofamerica.org.

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If you should have additional questions or concerns, we ask that you email us directly through our Executive Office at info@multiplesofamerica.org or to myself at President@multiplesofamerica.org. This will alleviate any speculation or misinformation and ensure we can address your concerns promptly. We try to answer all correspondence within 24-36 hours but please be patient with us as we work to get things in place!

Following negotiations earlier this week, we are delighted to announce The St. Anthony Hotel will be our host hotel for next summer's convention on July 28-31, 2021. And the hotel team has agreed to increase our queen/queen room numbers which is indeed good news for our attendees! We will let you know when the new link is available once the hotel is again fully staffed and ready to take our reservations. We thank you for your support and understanding during this unprecedented time. We will continue to stay in touch with additional information and look forward to seeing you next July 2021! Stay safe!

Sincerely,

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