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PRESS RELEASE

ALL DOWNEY PARKS CLOSED FOR 4TH OF JULY WEEKEND

Downey, CA, July 1, 2020:

In an effort to help prevent the spread of COVID-19, the City of Downey will be closing all City parks beginning **Friday, July 3 through Sunday, July 5, 2020.**

An anticipated influx of visitors to parks on the 4th of July weekend makes it extremely difficult for the public to adhere to the County's Health Officer Order, which requires six feet of physical distance and prohibits group gatherings.

The City realizes 4th of July is an important holiday for many park guests, however the health and safety of our residents is our top priority.

"This is a critical time in which we need to take every precaution necessary to further prevent the spread of COVID-19 in our community," said Mayor Blanca Pacheco. "We encourage our residents to celebrate this 4th of July safely in their own home and avoid social gatherings."

Mayor Pro Tem Claudia M. Frometa added, "As COVID-19 cases continue to rise, we encourage our residents and businesses to continue following the safety guidelines from public health officials, so that together we can protect each other, our families and those who are most vulnerable."

The Downey Police Department will be monitoring the parks over the 4th of July weekend to ensure residents are aware of the closures.

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