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PRESS RELEASE

CITY TO CLOSE ALL DOWNEY PARKS ON EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 12

Downey, CA, April 8, 2020:

Following the lead of the Los Angeles County Department of Parks and Recreation (LA County Parks), the City of Downey will be closing all City parks to the public on **Sunday, April 12**, in an effort to prevent the spread of COVID-19. An anticipated influx of visitors to parks on the Easter holiday would make it extremely difficult for the public to adhere to the County's "Safer at Home" Order, which requires six feet of physical distance and prohibits group gatherings.

"We realize Easter is an important celebration for many families, but we want to make sure we do all that we can to keep our community members healthy and safe during these next critical weeks of this pandemic," said Mayor Blanca Pacheco.

Mayor Pro Tem Claudia M. Frometa added, "This was a difficult decision for us to make, but we appreciate the cooperation and understanding of our residents as we work together to flatten the curve of COVID-19."

The City's Park Rangers will be monitoring the parks on Sunday to ensure residents are aware of the closures.

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