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Special Olympics PA's 35th Annual Leprechaun Run Postponed Due to Health Concerns

(Philadelphia, PA, March 10, 2020) – Special Olympics Pennsylvania - Philadelphia has made the difficult decision to postpone its 35th annual Leprechaun Run scheduled for Saturday, March 14, 2020 due to concerns related to the spread of the coronavirus (COVID-19). Philadelphia's 35th annual Leprechaun Run, presented by TMNA Services, was scheduled to take place at the Schuylkill Banks Palapa by the Philadelphia Museum of Art. Runners and walkers of all ages and abilities would have participated in three different events: a Lucky 7-Mile Race, a Classic 5-Mile Race, and a 2-Mile Fun Run/Walk.

With news about a recently confirmed COVID-19 case within the Philadelphia area and others across the state, Special Olympics Pennsylvania (SOPA) no longer believes that it can prudently proceed with the Run and be sure that it is providing a safe and healthy environment, regardless of what precautionary steps and/or preventative measures are implemented.

As SOPA navigates this constantly changing environment, it thanks its Leprechaun Run supporters for their patience and understanding as it strives to make the best possible decisions with the safety and well-being of its constituents at the forefront.

The Pre-Leprechaun Run Happy Hour scheduled for Thursday, March 12th from 4pm to 8pm at Devil's Alley Bar & Grill in Philadelphia, and the bib pickup opportunity on Friday, March 13th at Road Runner Sports in King of Prussia from 1pm to 7pm have been cancelled.

A new Run date will be announced in the next coming weeks. Individuals who have already registered for the Run will automatically be registered for the new date.

For more information, please visit www.LeprechaunRun.org.

About Special Olympics Pennsylvania

Special Olympics Pennsylvania (SOPA) provides year-round training and competition in 21 Olympic-type sports to more than 20,000 children and adults with intellectual disabilities or closely related developmental disabilities. For 50 years, SOPA and its 54 local programs have used the power of sports to transform the lives of people with intellectual disabilities and unite everyone by fostering community and building a more acceptable and civil society. SOPA is much more than a sports organization. Through its Athlete Leadership Programs, athletes assume meaningful leadership roles, influence change within the Special Olympics movement and take on roles as Global Messengers (trained as public speakers for Special Olympics), athlete representatives, coaches, board members and more. SOPA also addresses major challenges facing its athletes including

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healthcare. Its Healthy Athletes program offers athletes free health screenings in the form of eye, ear, dental and podiatry assessments. Athletes are also taught how to live active lifestyles, eat healthy and more. Additionally, SOPA strives to create a unified world by promoting inclusion, uniting communities, and changing attitude. Through Unified Sports, SOPA brings together individuals with and without intellectual disabilities as equal teammates in training and competition, which promotes respect and acceptance, and facilitates meaningful relationships between people of all abilities. For more information about how you can join “The Inclusion Revolution,” visit www.specialolympicspa.org.

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