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SUNSHINE Awards Organization Announces 32nd Annual SUNSHINE Awards Program is Canceled

New Jersey, Thursday August 13, 2020. The SUNSHINE Awards Organization today announced in New Jersey that the 32nd Annual SUNSHINE Awards Program is cancelled.



Gil Figaro, Sr., the chairman and Founder of the SUNSHINE Awards Organization said during the announcement, *"I want to thank you for your continued support and loyalty to the SUNSHINE Awards Organization as we navigate the challenges brought on by this COVID-19 pandemic. This pandemic has changed the way we live and created a new reality. Businesses, education, healthcare, community and performing arts organizations have been hit hard by this public health and economic crisis."*



He continued, *"The SUNSHINE Awards Organization has also been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. We believe that staging the 32nd Annual SUNSHINE Awards Program this year on Saturday October 17, as planned, would be putting our guests and supporters at risk of contracting the Coronavirus. In addition, complying with the state's requirements for temperature check, face mask, audience numerical limitation and social distancing at all social events may be unsettling for some guests. As a result, our organization has decided to cancel the 32nd Annual SUNSHINE Awards Program as our foremost commitment is the health and safety of our guests and supporters."*



Figaro said, *"I want to assure you, the SUNSHINE Awards Organization will continue to recognize excellence in education, humanity, science, technology, and the performing arts and will resume its annual awards program in October 2021, assuming that there is a return to normalcy."*



"I am anxious for this pandemic to recede so that we can all move on from the isolation and fears of the crisis. On behalf of the SUNSHINE Awards Organization and on my own behalf, I thank you for your patience, trust and loyalty. We will keep you updated on the SUNSHINE Awards Program activities and I look forward to continuing the celebration of the talented men, women and organizations for whom this program was founded."

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