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2020 CANCELLATION OF LINCOLN’S FESTIVAL ON ROUTE 66 ANNOUNCED

(Bloomington-Normal) In the interest of the safety of our community, volunteers, partners, and organizers, in light of the continued COVID-19 situation regionally and nationally, it is with heavy hearts that the Board of Directors for Lincoln’s Festival on Route 66 (LF66) announce the cancellation of the July 18, 2020 annual festival. We did not make this decision lightly and have been closely monitoring the conditions before making our final decision. Plans are already underway to hold the Festival again in 2021 the third weekend in July.

LF66 is a volunteer-operated nonprofit organization. Established in 2009, it began and continues to be associated with Looking for Lincoln, the action arm of the Abraham Lincoln National Heritage Area. In 2016 it expanded its scope to include Route 66 as a historical asset of the Bloomington-Normal metro area. Our mission is to sponsor an annual event that celebrates Abraham Lincoln’s connections to Bloomington-Normal and Route 66 by offering educational and interesting programs that appeal to persons of all ages.

Each summer the festival draws approximately 4,000 visitors. Events included a variety of lectures/talks, guided tour of Lincoln sites, a strolling Lincoln impersonator, a classic car cruise-in, a Civil War camp/re-enactment, a bicycle show, and vintage old-time baseball games.

The organization is comprised of founding individuals and Partner organizations including the McLean County Museum of History, the Bloomington Public Library, and the David Davis Mansion State Historic Site.

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