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**CITY OF MONTEREY SUCCESSFULLY REQUESTS
CANCELLATION OF CRUISE SHIP VISITS THROUGH APRIL 2020
Precautionary Measure Aimed at Containing Coronavirus Spread**

Monterey, CA. – Out of an abundance of caution and in the interest of the safety of our residents, workers, and visitors, the City of Monterey last Friday asked cruise ship agencies to cancel their upcoming cruises into Monterey Bay, and they have complied.

The Royal Princess has cancelled visits to Monterey on March 31, April 14, and April 28. The Maasdam – Holland America cruise ship has cancelled their April 29 visit.

“The City of Monterey has an obligation to ensure the public health of our residents, employees and visitors, and we appreciate the cruise ship companies taking action on behalf of our request,” said City Manager Hans Uslar.

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has stated that, “because of the unusual nature of the novel coronavirus outbreak, the US government is advising US travelers, particularly those with underlying health issues, to defer cruise ship travel. Recent reports of COVID-19 on cruise ships highlight the risk of infection to cruise ship passengers and crew. Like many other viruses, COVID-19 appears to spread more easily between people in close quarters aboard ships.”

The City will continue to keep the public updated on the status of cruise ship visits.

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