

**For Immediate Release**

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**48th Annual Fall Festival Cancelled Due Governor Cooper's Executive Order 270**

Governor Cooper issued Executive Order 270, yesterday afternoon due to the approach of Hurricane Ian. Sadly, the Annual Fall Festival committee and Randolph Arts Guild Board of Directors has made the decision to cancel the 2022 Fall Festival, October 1-2, 2022 for the safety of our vendors, entertainers, attendees, sponsors, and downtown merchants.

The Randolph Arts Guild Board knows that this cancellation does not come without consequence. The Fall Festival is an essential economic driver for local non-profits, community groups, small businesses, and vendors. We understand the disappointment that this may bring, as many in the city of Asheboro and throughout Randolph County look forward to this great event. The Randolph Arts Guild is dedicated to doing our part for the safety of our community.

On behalf of our board of directors, Fall Festival event committee, sponsors, volunteers, and all those that make this happen every year, we would like to say thank you for your understanding. To our vendors, we appreciate your continued interest and support in bringing the arts alive in Randolph County. Vendor refunds for registration fees will be issued no later than Tuesday, November 1, 2022.

We look forward to seeing you October 7 - 8, 2023, for our Annual Fall Festival in Downtown Asheboro, NC. We appreciate all of your support, as we will get through this together.

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