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Hello Everyone,

Year 2020 has been a challenging year for us all and we have had to adapt to a new normal. As you are aware, the Executive Committee canceled the spring conference in Cherokee with the execution of Governor Cooper's Executive Order and for the safety of our emergency management leaders and partners.

I, along with the Executive Committee, was hoping that we could still hold our fall conference for 2020, in an urgency to get back to some type of normalcy; however, with the current pandemic continuing and the number of positive cases throughout the state, and travel restrictions that many of us still have, our hopes have diminished to where we must cancel our fall conference as well. This was a difficult decision made by the Executive Committee and Committee Chairs and for the safety of everyone and the fiscal responsibility of the Association, we felt it best to cancel.

I ask that you stay the course with us as we plan for 2021. The Executive Committee has a charge to make the 2021 conferences the best we have had and we cannot do this alone. We need you! I ask you to be patient with the Executive Committee as we navigate through all of the uncertainty and plan for 2021.

In closing, the Executive Committee, along with myself, thank you for your continued support of the Association and the work you do in your counties and communities. I pray you stay safe and if we can be of assistance, please let us know.

Respectfully,

*W. Brent Fisher*

Brent Fisher  
President