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### **CUYAHOGA VALLEY SCENIC RAILROAD HAS CANCELLED ALL TRAIN RIDES THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2020 DUE TO COVID-19**

Valley View, OH, April 29, 2020 - For the safety and health of passengers, staff and volunteers, all Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad (CVSR) train departures will remain cancelled through September 30, 2020. CVSR feels a responsibility to the community and we believe the appropriate response to prevent the spread of COVID-19 is to cancel train rides.

“As we look to an uncertain future with respect to this situation, CVSR must make decisions now,” said CVSR President and CEO Joe Mazur. “The decision to not run our trains this summer was very difficult, knowing that large gatherings are unlikely to be safe for some time. The health and wellbeing of our customers, volunteers and staff come first. We look forward to welcoming our passengers and volunteers when the time is right. We will continue to monitor the situation throughout the summer and determine if it is safe to run our trains in the fall. We thank our board, volunteers, donors, members and passengers for supporting us during this time.”

During the challenging time, we have been forced to make difficult staffing changes but remain diligent in fulfilling our mission of providing educational, recreational and heritage railroad experiences and alternative transportation to and within Cuyahoga Valley National Park and the Ohio & Erie Canalway.

“We agree with the railroad's decision to cancel all train rides through September to prevent the spread of COVID-19,” said Cuyahoga Valley National Park Superintendent Craig Kenkel. “We know that this decision will disappoint many park visitors and community members. Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad is a well-regarded organization that provides excursions and events that are cornerstone visitor experiences in Cuyahoga Valley National Park. We look forward to the day when train rides can safely resume.”

CVSR will issue refunds to all passengers who purchased advance tickets. In addition, CVSR will automatically be extending all active memberships and appropriate benefits by the number of months the railroad will be closed. CVSR memberships are a key contributor to the historic preservation of aging railcars and expanding education programs. Memberships assist CVSR in providing much needed repairs and maintenance to our historic fleet of passenger cars and locomotives and also assist in providing education programs for Cleveland and Akron area underserved children.

#### **About Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad**

Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad (CVSR) is a private sector, not-for-profit 501(c)(3) volunteer supported organization operating in partnership with Cuyahoga Valley National Park (CVNP) and is dedicated to the preservation of passenger rail transportation in Cuyahoga Valley and the historic Ohio & Erie Canalway. CVSR has been providing excursion rail service for more than 40 years. For more information about the railroad, visit [Cvsr.org](http://Cvsr.org).

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