

It is always the focus of the Cullman County Commission to honor our Country, State, and County at every designated time set aside to survey the importance of these significant events in our history. The cancellation of the fireworks show at Smith Lake Park does not reduce the significance of the celebration of our nation and our freedom.

The fireworks event typically attracts thousands of people, causing the potential to run afoul of the Governor's current COVID policy requiring social distancing that is in effect through July 3rd. Planning for an event of this magnitude takes several months, and unfortunately, there are too many unknowns that could cause the event to be cancelled. To obtain a permit for fireworks requires the approval of a detailed plan by the Alabama Department of Public Health and an opinion from the Attorney General's Office. If the permit is not approved, then the County would not be able to recover the money spent.

The health and safety of our residents and employees remain the County's top priority. This was a difficult decision, so please bear with us through this adjustment period. We look forward to the return of the annual fireworks celebration in 2021.