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Dear MANRRS Member:

The leadership for the National Society of Minorities in Agriculture, Natural Resources and Related Sciences (MANRRS) has decided to **cancel** the 35th Annual Career Fair and Training Conference scheduled to take place in Minneapolis, Minnesota, April 1-4, 2020. We are currently determining the feasibility to host a fall conference. This decision was made because of the increased concerns about the novel coronavirus known as COVID-19.

Over the past few weeks, MANRRS leaders have constantly monitored communications from the World Health Organization (WHO) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) regarding health risks related to COVID-19. Additionally, during the past week, a number of MANRRS partners, universities, and several confirmed speakers have canceled their participation due to travel restrictions. The decision to cancel the MANRRS National Conference was made to protect our members, as well as your families, and communities. Although this cancellation is unfortunate, it also gives our organization the opportunity to be innovative and to create solutions that bring the most value to our membership and partners.

We sincerely regret this necessary cancellation and apologize for any inconvenience it may have caused. Please review your airline's COVID-19 cancellation policies for booked flights. MANRRS is now working through the details related to hotel cancellations and registration refunds/credits. We will advise you about these matters in the next few weeks.

Our top priority is and will always be the well-being of our members, staff, and partners. We appreciate you understanding and supporting the National Society as we work through the next steps. Please visit www.MANRRS.org and/or manrrs.org/nationalconference and monitor your email for updates and responses to frequently asked questions about the conference cancellation.

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