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City of Edinburg hosting 10th Annual UFO Festival

Edinburg, Texas – The City of Edinburg will be hosting the 10th Annual Edinburg UFO Festival and Conference on August 11 – 12, 2023. The free festival will be held on Friday, August 11, at the Edinburg City Hall Courtyard, while the Out of This World Conference will be held on Saturday, August 12, at the Region One Education Service Center.

Day one, the festival, is free to attend and will be full of activities that the entire family will enjoy! The festival features attractions such as tin foil hats, an alien autopsy, a laser light show, a lizard/reptilian show, fire dancers, dance performers, a costume contest, and an art contest. Organizers will close out the night with a Robot Dance Party and DJ show. There will also be plenty of local food and merchandise vendors.

The festival will take place at the Edinburg City Hall Courtyard and Food Truck Park at 415 W. University Dr. in Edinburg. The conference speakers will be attending the festival for a special meet and greet with attendees.

On August 12, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., the conference will feature several UFO Experts with extensive research on the topic of UFOlogy. The conference is a ticketed event. Tickets are available at edinburgufo.com. Speakers include Edinburg resident Noe Torres, a recognized expert in the field of UFOs and the paranormal, an author, publisher, and former Texas State section director for the Mutual UFO Network (MUFON). Torres has appeared on a number of nationally broadcast television shows, including Travel Channel's 'Mysteries of the Outdoors' and George Noory's famous radio show 'Coast to Coast.' As a former Texas state section director for the MUFON, he has been advocating for the research and discovery of extraterrestrial beings and movement.

David Childress, the real-life Indiana Jones and headliner of the conference has dedicated his life to researching the weird, the strange, and the unexplained. Throughout his more than 30 years of investigation, he has researched the mysteries surrounding unidentified flying objects. His unique perspectives on the subject have generated a following and recognition in the UFO community. As a featured guest on The History Channel's popular series 'Ancient Aliens,' Childress has shared his insights and theories regarding the potential connection between ancient civilizations and extraterrestrial beings. He has also made appearances in other History Channel documentaries, further solidifying his authority on the subject. Beyond television appearances, Childress's expertise on UFOs extends to his writings. He has authored books that explore the phenomenon, shedding light on various sightings, encounters, and

government cover-ups related to unidentified aerial phenomena. His passion for seeking the truth about UFOs continues to inspire others, and he remains dedicated to expanding knowledge and understanding in this fascinating and enigmatic field.

Daniel Alan Jones will be the Master of Ceremonies. He is the host and producer for *The Vortex*, a show that explores the mysteries of the world and beyond. Jones has been researching unexplained phenomena for over a decade and has investigated strange sites, conducted numerous interviews and provided media coverage for several events. His new book "*Aurora*" chronicles over a century of history about UFO sightings, alien encounters, going back to a Texas legend from 1897.

Guest speaker Mike Bara is a regular contributor to the television programs 'Ancient Aliens,' 'America's Book Of Secrets,' and 'The Unexplained with William Shatner,' all of which continue to show in heavy rotation on the History Channel and A&E Networks. He has also appeared as a featured expert on 'UFOs: The Lost Evidence' for The Travel Channel. In 2014, he starred in the reality mini-series *Uncovering Aliens* for the Discovery Channel, where he traveled throughout the country with a team of experts to various UFO sighting sites.

Jonathan Dover is a veteran law enforcement officer. He has worked with the City of Winslow Arizona Police Department, The National Park Service, the Navajo Historic Preservation Department, and the Navajo Nation Rangers. During his work on Navajo Nation lands, along with his regular duties, he, along with Stanley Milford Jr., was assigned over a period of 11 years to officially investigate and document significant cases involving Bigfoot, hauntings, Navajo witchcraft, and UFOs. Milford was also commissioned as a Navajo Police Officer to work as a team member with the Navajo Police's Drug and Gang Task Force. One of Stan's unique responsibilities was overseeing a section called the "Special Projects Unit (SPU)." This section's primary role was managing cases and projects that were deemed critical, sensitive, or high-profile in nature. These cases could be anything from high-priority investigations, dignitary protection, high-risk detail, SWAT, or other emergency operations. One of the responsibilities of that unit was the investigation of cases that did not fit within the everyday parameters of law enforcement or criminal investigation. Enter the "paranormal or supernatural," i.e., cases involving Bigfoot, UFOs, extraterrestrials, witchcraft, skinwalkers, ghosts, and hauntings.

Marc D'Antonio has a degree in Astronomy and is also the host of a popular show called *SkyTour Radio* on KGRA radio with a secondary live video feed with multimedia on Streamyard. The weekly 2-hour show focuses on Astronomy, exploring science and potential science surrounding the search for extraterrestrial life.

All of the UFO Conference guest speakers will present their investigative work on the UFO phenomena and share their expertise with the attendees. Tickets are available for \$25 now at the Dustin Michael Sekula Memorial Library or online at www.edinburgufo.com. Tickets are \$35 at the door. The conference will take place at the Region One ESC at 1900 W. Schunior in Edinburg.

For more information, contact the Cultural Arts Division at 956.383.6246 or visit www.edinburgarts.com.