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2020 Global Insurance Symposium Planning Committee Announce Cancellation of April 21-23 Events

DES MOINES, IA – The Global Insurance Symposium (GIS) planning committee have been closely monitoring coronavirus (COVID-19) and all state and federal public health guidelines regarding large gatherings. After a thorough evaluation of state and federal public health guidelines, the committee has decided to cancel all GIS 2020 events scheduled for Tuesday, April 21 – Thursday, April 23.

Since 2014, this annual event has hosted nearly 1,000 insurance industry leaders, entrepreneurs, government officials, and special guests from many countries around the world. Each year since the inaugural 2014 event, the symposium has provided a venue for the insurance industry to address issues impacting the marketplace, with a primary focus on new technology, policy, and innovation.

For those attendees who were looking forward to seeing the final presentations of this year's Global Insurance Accelerator (GIA) cohort, please note that the GIA is going to host a virtual pitch event on Wednesday, April 22, 2020 from 3:30-5:00 pm CST. More information can be found at www.globalinsuranceaccelerator.com.

"As an insurance industry hub with more than 80 insurance companies in Greater Des Moines (DSM) and more than 200 statewide, we look forward to bringing together Insurtech leaders in 2021. While we are disappointed to cancel this year's GIS, we look to the future with hope and optimism," said Jay Byers, CEO of the Greater Des Moines Partnership, which has representatives on the GIS planning committee assembled of many companies and organizations in the state.

All GIS events are funded by sponsorships from companies and organizations in Iowa and across the world. The GIS planning committee will be promptly refunding the 2020 sponsors and the registration costs for all attendees. The Global Insurance Symposium will return next year on April 26-28, 2021 and continue holding its annual event.

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