

STATEMENT REGARDING THE 2024 NATIONAL CONFERENCE IN ORLANDO, FL

Some members have expressed concern over holding the 2024 Conference in Orlando, Florida. The 2024 Conference has been in preparation since 2018, having been postponed from 2020 due to the pandemic. Out of respect for the hard work of our colleagues, and due to the logistical and financial difficulties of relocating a conference at this date, the 2024 AHS Conference will still take place in Orlando.

We are committed to making a successful and safe conference for all attendees. We are also planning events that celebrate the diversity of our membership, and are exploring remote access options for those who are unable to attend.

Please be assured, the city of Orlando is deeply committed to promoting <u>diversity and inclusion</u>. They write, "We strive to be the nation's most inclusive travel destination, welcoming people from all over the planet to enjoy everything we have to offer regardless of their gender, ethnicity, sexual orientation or life stage."

At the AHS, we feel the same, and hope you will join us in Orlando in 2024 for what truly promises to be the <u>National Conference</u> of a lifetime.