To all Come and Take It Parade Entrants:

The Come and Take It Committee (Committee) would like to express our thanks for being a participant in this year’s parade. It is through the hard work and dedication of organizations and individuals that make the Come and Take It Parade such a sight to behold. In order to make sure that the Come and Take It Parade is as safe as possible; the Committee has implemented this rule for the protection of the participants, spectators, and staff.

Enclosed you will find with this letter an Assumption and Release of Liability for Firearms (Form). This Form must be filled out by each organization or individual that has a parade entry and signed by all participants who will be exhibiting firearms in the parade.

The Committee is proud of Gonzales’ heritage when it comes to firearms and protecting people’s rights to possess those firearms, so it felt best not to eliminate the exhibition of firearms in the parade, but only to regulate them so as to provide a safe environment for all. This new rule comes as a response to the extremely tragic and unwarranted events involving firearms around our nation and to strive for a better understanding of firearm safety.

The Committee is asking all parade entrants that will be exhibiting functional firearms in the parade to help promote that gun safety. To do so, the Committee asks that all firearms be unloaded and that each participant sign the Form. A member of the Committee will check each parade entry for the display of firearms. For those entries that are exhibiting firearms, a member of the Come and Take It Committee will ensure that each participant has signed the provided form and that each firearm is unloaded. The Committee does not foresee any issues with this new rule as it is for safety reasons, but in the event any individual, organization and/or member of an organization that refuses to sign the Form will force the Committee to deny that individual or organization entry into the parade.

Once again the Committee is looking forward to a wonderful parade and thanks you once again for your participation and cooperation.

Sincerely,

Gonzales Come and Take It Committee

**ASSUMPTION AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY FOR FIREARMS**

I, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, the contact person for the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ individual or organization that wishes to have an entry into the Gonzales Come and Take It Parade state the following:

I am aware of the Gonzales Come and Take It Committee’s requirement that all parade entries must indicate if they plan on exhibiting firearms during the Come and Take It Parade. Being the authorized agent to act on behalf of the above named individual or organization, I hereby declare that:

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\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, we will not be displaying a firearm(s) in the Come and Take It Parade.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, we will be displaying a firearm(s) in the Come and Take It Parade, and as indicated by the signatures below understand the following:

1. That in order to have a parade entry with the display of a firearm(s), all members of the organization that participate in the parade will need to print and sign their name to this form;
2. That all firearm(s) displays will be done so in a safe and prudent manner including that the firearm(s) will be unloaded while in the staging area of the parade and during the parade route;
3. That a member of the Come and Take It Committee will check the firearm(s) prior to allowing the parade entry to participate in the parade;
4. That failure to abide by these rules will result in the denial of the individual or organization’s entry into the parade;
5. That any participant(s) on the float, as evidenced by their signature(s) below, assume any and all liability that may arise from their firearm(s) intentionally or accidently, whether negligently or not, discharging while participating in the parade. The participant(s) further agrees to INDEMNIFY, SAVE, and HOLD HARMLESS the Gonzales Come and Take It Celebration, the Gonzales Come and Take It Committee, the Gonzales Chamber of Commerce and any other sponsors of the event, other participants, and/or advertisers from any expenses, attorney fees, losses, liability, damages and/or costs which may be incurred a result of a claim or demand arising from the discharge of their firearm(s) during the parade.

**AS EVIDENCED BY MY SIGNATURE BELOW, I HAVE READ THE ABOVE ASSUMPTION AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY FOR FIREARMS, FULLY UNDERSTAND ITS TERMS, UNDERSTAND THAT I HAVE AM ASSUMING ALL LIABILTY FOR MY FIREARM AND HAVE SIGNED IT FREELY AND WITHOUT INDUCEMENT OR ASSURANCE OF ANY NATURE AND INTEND IT TO BE A COMPLETE AND UNCONDITIONAL ASSUMPTION AND RELEASE OF ALL LIABILITY TO THE GREATEST EXTENT PERMITTED BY LAW.**

Participant’s Name (Please Print)

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Participant’s Signature

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