



## **Official announcement of the cancellation of de local festivities *Fiestas de Aigües 2021***

Due to the extraordinary situation that we are in, not only in Spain but worldwide, as a result of the global pandemic caused by Covid-19, and in spite of the improvements thanks to the vaccine, the government of Aigües had to make the difficult decision to cancel the local festivities *Fiestas de Aigües 2021*. Traditionally these festivities take place during the last week of August.

This decision was made jointly by the Local Government of Aigües, The Cultural Association 'Moros y Cristianos de Aigües' and the Aigües Association for Leisure, Culture and Festivities. This so painful decision is justified by the fact that it would be very difficult to hold mass gatherings with a large number of people in public spaces, like concerts, dances and festive manifestations. Apart from that it would be very difficult to contract groups, to arrange logistics and to find people who are willing to advertise in the traditional program booklet.

Within this context both the associations for festivities and the local authorities have taken their responsibility. It is our duty to protect the safety of the residents of our village and of all those who like to visit us every year during our Fiestas.

Nevertheless, we want to keep open the possibility to organise some kind of festive act, if the sanitary restrictions and guidelines permit. We will weigh up this possibility according to how the situation will develop.

It was a difficult decision and we thank you for your understanding. The councillorship responsible for the Fiestas will continue keeping the traditional festivities alive. Finally, we want to transmit our gratitude to the leaders of the two associations for festivities for their understanding and support for the local authorities at any time. Our thoughts are with those who are fighting at the front in this combat against Covid-19 as well as with those who are affected and their families.