

MCM Earns Gold Level Certification from the Council for Responsible Sport *2019 Marine Corps Marathon Recognized for Social and Environmental Initiatives*

QUANTICO, VA (April 13, 2020) – The Marine Corps Marathon (MCM) has earned Gold Level Certification from the Council for Responsible Sport, an organization that independently verifies the socially and environmentally responsible work by sports events.

This is the second time the MCM has earned gold certification. Previously, the MCM earned Silver Level certification in 2009 and again in 2011, and first earned gold in 2014.

In conjunction with Arlington County’s Economic and Development Agency and various other partners including sponsors Fyffes, Rosslyn Business Improvement District and Wegmans, the MCM Organization implemented a comprehensive waste reduction system while planning for the 2019 MCM Weekend. The three-day event generated 53 tons of waste, 54.4% of which was diverted out of landfills when:

- 2,500 pounds of banana and orange peels were composted
- 5,000 pounds of unused perishable food was collected by Move For Hunger and donated to the Capital Foodbank
- 9 tons of plastic jugs and cardboard boxes were recycled
- 4,000 pounds of selected discarded clothing were cleaned and donated to local homeless shelters and services

MCMO also partnered with the Washington Metro Transit Authority to provide runners with an early opening to arrive on time to the start line and encouraged all participants and spectators to take advantage of the free shuttles to reduce carbon dioxide emissions.

“We are honored to be recognized by the Council of Responsible Sport as a Gold-level sustainable event for the second time,” said Angela Anderson, Deputy Director of the Marine Corps Marathon Organization. “The MCM Organization and our entire running community, including sponsors and partners, remain committed to ensuring we are continually improving our sustainability efforts and encouraging practicing green behaviors at all of our events.”

The 45th MCM will be held on Sunday, Oct. 25, 2020 in Arlington, VA and throughout the nation’s capital.

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About the Marine Corps Marathon:

The Marine Corps Marathon (MCM), known as “The People’s Marathon,” promotes physical fitness and generates community goodwill while showcasing the high standards and discipline of the United States Marine Corps. Annually ranked as one of the largest marathons in the US and the world, the MCM welcomes runners from all 50



states and more than 60 countries. The MCM is presented by Arlington County, Brooks, Cigna and Leidos. No federal or Marine Corps endorsement is implied. Connect with the Marine Corps Marathon on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#), [YouTube](#) and [Flickr](#). #RunWithTheMarines

About the Council for Responsible Sport:

The Council for Responsible Sport is a 501(c) 3 non-profit organization with a vision of a world where responsibly produced events are the norm. Its mission is to provide objective, independent verification of the socially and environmentally responsible work event organizers are doing and to actively support event organizers who strive to make a difference in their communities. Learn more at www.CouncilforResponsibleSport.org