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Iditarod ceremonial start and restart locations confirmed

Anchorage, Alaska – The Iditarod Trail Committee announced today that the ceremonial start of the 44th running of the Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race will be held in downtown Anchorage on Saturday, March 5, at 10 a.m., with the restart being held the following day on Sunday, March 6, at 2 p.m. in Willow.

“While conditions in Anchorage aren’t as wintry as we would like, we are confident that we have enough snow to have a successful and safe ceremonial start,” said Stan Hooley, CEO of the Iditarod Trail Committee. “We are thankful for the forward-thinking folks in the Municipality of Anchorage’s street maintenance department, who have been stockpiling snow for this event the few times that it has actually snowed. We have also been fortunate that the Nordic Ski Association has played an incredibly important role in making the trails acceptable,” Hooley said.

“As is the case any year, we have some work to do to prepare the trail for the upcoming race,” said Iditarod Race Director Mark Nordman. “That being said, we have much better snow conditions in the Alaska Range and beyond and we expect to have a good race trail for this year’s competitors.”

Eighty-six teams are in the final days of training and preparation for this year’s race. For additional details regarding Iditarod XLIV, please visit www.iditarod.com.

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