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International Bridge to close for annual walk June 29

June 13, 2019 -- The Sault Ste. Marie International Bridge will be closed to vehicle traffic during the 33rd Annual Bridge Walk and Bicycle Parade on Saturday, June 29.

The bridge will close to vehicle traffic at 9 a.m. and will reopen at approximately 11:30 a.m. after walkers have been cleared by customs.

Walkers will depart from the Norris Center in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. The route is about 3 miles. The International Bridge Administration (IBA) strongly encourages walkers who need bus transportation to the U.S. before the start of the walk to catch the early buses. Buses will begin shuttling walkers from the Marconi Club at 7 a.m. The last bus will depart no later than 8:30 a.m.

Participants wishing to return to the U.S. after completing the walk across the bridge can catch the first six buses on the bridge plaza, then at the Marconi Club thereafter. Buses will run until noon or when all U.S.-bound walkers are returned. Cost for the bus is $5 per individual and $15 for a family.

Individuals who may require rest facilities will need to go through the Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA) to the Marconi Club. Public restrooms are not available for walkers on the plaza or on the buses.

The closure for the International Bridge Walk is the only full closure of the bridge planned for this year.

For more information on the annual bridge walk, including ID requirements for crossing the border, visit www.facebook.com/SSMbridgewalk, or call 906-632-3301 or 705-949-7152. For
more information on the International Bridge, please visit www.saultbridge.com or follow us on twitter at www.twitter.com/saultbridge.

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