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## **NEWS RELEASE – APRIL 21, 2009**

### **ART IN PUBLIC PLACES: “29!” SCULPTURE TO BE DEDICATED MAY 1**

Motorists entering the downtown area of Twentynine Palms from the west will now be greeted by a giant “29!” sculpture alongside Twentynine Palms Highway.

The city’s Public Arts Advisory Committee will host an official dedication and ribbon cutting ceremony for the new Art in Public Places sculpture on Friday, May 1, at 6:30 p.m. at the site, located on the highway at Bullion Avenue on the east side of Donnell Hill.

Originally conceived and funded last fall as part of the City of Twentynine Palms 20th anniversary celebration, the 7-1/2-foot tall steel sculpture was designed by artist Chuck Caplinger and completed this spring by local artist Maurice “Moe” Pegorelli.

On Tuesday, April 21, the piece was finally installed on a concrete pedestal located at the City-owned two-acre site. The entire sculpture installation was designed to be movable, as the property has been for sale and is actively being marketed by the City for retail or restaurant development. Potential developers of the site will have the option of retaining the sculpture and incorporating it into their design plans or moving it to a new location for the city.

The public is invited to visit the new “29!” sculpture and attend the dedication on Friday, May 1 at 6:30 p.m. For more information, contact Larry Bowden at the Twentynine Palms Park and Recreation Department, (760)367-7562.

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