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2020 was quite a year, we all have our individual stories, but we also have our collective stories. As frontline workers we had a ringside seat as the pandemic unfolded. A small group of us were wondering how to remember the year and I came up with the idea of designing a challenge coin to commemorate 2020, the picture you are looking at is that coin. The iconic "White Cowboy Hat" is the symbol of both Calgary, Alberta and the Calgary Stampede both are recognized worldwide and are uniquely representative of our City. The badge on the hat is a salute to my CBSA colleagues who have worked the frontlines 24/7 since the beginning and continue to ensure the integrity and safety of Canada and Canadians. The other side of the coin features the Calgary skyline and the 2020 is a homage to the year that was. No words are needed as 2020 was the first time in its 108 year history that the world famous Calgary Exhibition and Stampede was canceled. Never before had this occurred, World Wars, natural disasters nothing had prevented Calgary from hosting and entertaining millions of international travelers until the pandemic of 2020! A memory that will be forever remembered.