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### **Arizona's Indian Casino Gaming Revenue Rose 8.6 Percent in Fiscal 2007**

PHOENIX — Gross gaming revenue from Arizona's Indian casinos in fiscal 2007 increased 8.6 percent from a year ago to \$1.94 billion, the Arizona Department of Gaming announced today.

In state fiscal year 2007 ended June 30, 2007, Arizona tribes reported combined gross gaming revenue of \$1,944,111,864. That's up from \$1,790,475,504 in fiscal 2006.

Gross gaming revenue is the difference between gaming wins and losses, before deducting casino operating costs and expenses.

There are 22 Class III casinos owned by 15 tribes in Arizona.

In state fiscal year 2007, tribes contributed \$92,224,129.39 to the state's Arizona Benefits Fund, which finances education, healthcare and other programs that benefit Arizona residents. Tribes contributed another \$11,375,743.78 directly to cities, towns and counties of the tribes' choosing.

Under the Arizona Tribal-State Gaming Compact, tribes donate one to eight percent of their Class III net win (net win is the same as gross gaming revenue) to the state, cities, towns and counties. The contributions formula is based on a sliding scale, with busier casinos contributing a higher percentage of their net win. Class III gaming includes slot machines and similar electronic gaming devices, jackpot poker, blackjack, keno and off-track pari-mutuel betting.

Since the Gaming Compact between the state of Arizona and the tribes was signed in 2003, tribes have contributed more than \$336 million to the state Arizona Benefits Fund, cities, towns and counties.

Fiscal 2007 contributions to the Arizona Benefits Fund were distributed to the following programs:

Instructional Improvement Fund/Education:	\$46,132,602.21
Trauma and Emergency Services Fund:	\$23,066,301.13
Administrative and regulatory expenses (Arizona Department of Gaming):	\$ 8,000,000.00
Arizona Wildlife Conservation Fund:	\$ 6,590,371.74
State Tourism Fund:	\$ 6,590,371.74
Problem Gambling Education, Treatment and Prevention:	\$ 1,844,482.57
TOTAL to Arizona Benefits Fund in state fiscal year 2007	\$92,224,129.39

The Department of Gaming releases the aggregate gross gaming revenue of Arizona tribes each year. Under the Arizona Tribal-State Gaming Compact, the Department of Gaming does not release the annual gross gaming revenue of individual casinos or individual tribes.

The Arizona Department of Gaming, in partnership with the tribes, regulates American Indian casinos.

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