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Arizona's Indian Casino Gaming Revenue Rose 1.9 Percent in Fiscal 2008

PHOENIX — Gross gaming revenue from Arizona's Indian casinos in fiscal 2008 increased 1.9 percent from a year ago to \$1.98 billion, the Arizona Department of Gaming announced today.

In the state fiscal year 2008 ended June 30, 2008, Arizona tribes reported combined gross gaming revenue of \$1,982,018,281. That's up from \$1,944,111,864 in fiscal 2007.

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 2008, tribes contributed \$96,025,601.84 to the state's Arizona Benefits Fund. These tribal contributions fund education, trauma care, wildlife conservation, tourism promotion, problem gambling services, and the Department's regulatory expenses. Tribes contributed another \$15,152,219.30 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 gross gaming revenue (also called net win) 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 gross gaming revenue. 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 went into effect in 2003, tribes have contributed more than \$446 million to the state, cities, towns and counties.

Fiscal 2008 contributions to the Arizona Benefits Fund were distributed to the following programs:

Instructional Improvement Fund/Education:	\$47,859,159.96
Trauma and Emergency Services Fund:	\$23,929,579.98
Arizona Department of Gaming Administrative and Regulatory Expenses:	\$ 8,642,304.17
Arizona Wildlife Conservation Fund:	\$ 6,837,022.85
State Tourism Fund:	\$ 6,837,022.85
Problem Gambling Education, Treatment and Prevention:	\$ 1,920,512.03
TOTAL to Arizona Benefits Fund in State Fiscal Year 2008	\$96,025,601.84

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

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

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