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Arizona's Annual Tribal Gaming Contributions

PHOENIX – Arizona Department of Gaming announced today that tribal gaming contributions to the Arizona Benefits Fund from gaming revenue will approximate \$86.5 million for the State Fiscal Year 2009. There has been a decrease of 9.9% in tribal contributions from State Fiscal Year 2008.

“Economic strife continues to affect us all,” said Mark Brnovich, Director of the Arizona Department of Gaming. “However, tribal gaming operations maintain significant funding for substantial Arizona programs.”

The annual tribal contributions in the state Arizona Benefits Fund will be distributed as follows:

Instructional Improvement Fund/Education:	\$42,989,427
Trauma and Emergency Services Fund:	\$21,494,714
Arizona Department of Gaming operating costs:	\$8,000,000
Arizona Wildlife Conservation Fund:	\$6,141,347
State Tourism Fund:	\$6,141,347
Problem Gambling Education, Treatment and Prevention:	\$1,729,935
TOTAL tribal contributions for the FY09 ended June 30, 2009:	\$86,496,770

The Arizona Department of Gaming, in partnership with Arizona's tribes, regulates Indian gaming. Under the Arizona Tribal-State Gaming Compacts, tribes with casinos contribute one to eight percent of their Class III gross gaming revenue to the state, cities, towns, and counties. In Arizona, Class III gaming includes slot machines, jackpot poker, blackjack, keno and off-track pari-mutuel betting. There are currently 22 Class III casinos in the state. Tribes send contributions to the state Arizona Benefits fund every three months.

For more information or to request an interview with Director Brnovich, contact Rick Medina, Policy and Communications Manager of the Arizona Department of Gaming at (602) 604-1801, ext. 206.

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