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Tribes Strive to Reverse Declines in Gaming Revenue

PHOENIX – Arizona Department of Gaming announced today that tribal contributions to the state from gaming revenue will be approximately \$21.4 million for the quarter ended September 30, 2009. This is a 14.1% decrease from the same quarter of last year.

“Although revenue is down, Tribal Governments continue to enhance the gaming experience by creating destination resorts,” said Mark Brnovich, Director of the Arizona Department of Gaming. “This proactive investment will pay dividends as the economy recovers.”

The quarterly tribal contributions to the Arizona Benefits Fund will be distributed as follows:

Instructional Improvement Fund/Education:	\$10,688,468
Trauma and Emergency Services Fund:	\$ 5,344,234
Arizona Department of Gaming operating costs:	\$ 1,930,101
Arizona Wildlife Conservation Fund:	\$ 1,526,924
State Tourism Fund:	\$ 1,526,924
Problem Gambling Education, Treatment and Prevention:	\$ 428,911
TOTAL tribal contributions for the quarter ended September 30, 2009:	\$21,445,562

The Arizona Department of Gaming, in partnership with Arizona’s tribes, regulates Indian gaming. Under the Arizona Tribal-State Gaming Compact, 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, and keno. 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, please contact Rick Medina at (602) 604-1801, ext 206.

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