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## Arizona Receives \$21 Million in Quarterly Tribal Gaming Contributions

PHOENIX – The Arizona Department of Gaming announced that tribal contributions to the state from gaming revenue will be approximately \$21.3 million for the quarter ended March 31, 2010.

“This is a 3.5% decrease from the same quarter of last year but gaming operations are actively working their way back,” said Mark Brnovich, director of the Arizona Department of Gaming. “Tribes are making significant investments in updated facilities and technologies to provide more entertainment options while continuing to fund vital programs for Arizona,” added Brnovich.

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

Instructional Improvement Fund/Education:	\$ 10,590,789
Trauma and Emergency Services Fund:	\$ 5,295,395
Arizona Department of Gaming operating costs:	\$ 2,000,000
Arizona Wildlife Conservation Fund:	\$ 1,512,970
State Tourism Fund:	\$ 1,512,970
Problem Gambling Education, Treatment and Prevention:	\$ 426,778
<b>TOTAL tribal contributions for the quarter ended March 31, 2010:</b>	<b>\$ 21,338,902</b>

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, 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, please contact Rick Medina at (602) 604-1801, ext 206.

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