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State Sees Increased Tribal Gaming Contributions in FY18

PHOENIX– The Arizona Department of Gaming announces that after a strong fourth quarter of last fiscal year, Arizona saw another increase in statewide tribal contributions for the first quarter of FY18. A 4.8 percent increase over the period last year, total contributions to the State from gaming revenue came in at over \$26.2 million.

“This is a positive start to the new fiscal year,” Department of Gaming Director, Dan Bergin, stated. “We are confident that this is a good sign of what’s to come.”

Since Arizona’s Tribal-State Compacts took effect in 2003, Arizona tribes have contributed nearly \$1.3 billion to the state and its cities, towns, and counties. The Compacts ensure that the state will continue to benefit from gaming revenues year after year.

“Arizona schools, trauma and emergency services, wildlife conservation, and state tourism all receive supplemental funding from tribal contributions, which total approximately \$100 million annually,” Bergin noted.

The first quarter’s tribal contributions to the Arizona Benefits Fund will be distributed as follows:

Instructional Improvement Fund/Education:	\$13,061,473
Trauma and Emergency Services Fund:	\$6,530,736
Arizona Department of Gaming operating costs:	\$2,358,613
Arizona Wildlife Conservation Fund:	\$1,865,925
State Tourism Fund:	\$1,865,925
Problem Gambling Education, Treatment and Prevention:	\$524,136

TOTAL tribal contributions for the quarter ending June 30, 2017: \$26,206,808

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 24 Class III casinos in the state. Tribes send contributions to the Arizona Benefits Fund every three months.