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## **Quarterly Tribal Gaming Contributions on the Rise**

PHOENIX—The Arizona Department of Gaming announces that statewide tribal contributions increased for a fourth consecutive quarter. Tribal contributions to the State from gaming revenue were about \$25.8 million for the quarter ending June 30, 2015. This is a 4.5 percent increase when compared to the same quarter of last year.

"Over the past year we have seen encouraging and steady growth in the quarterly tribal gaming contributions and these small increases can lead to a larger impact for State programs," said Daniel Bergin, Director of the Arizona Department of Gaming. "Our agency considers these new numbers not only encouraging, but an overall win for tribes and the State."

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

Instructional Improvement Fund/Education:	\$12,837,971
Trauma and Emergency Services Fund:	\$6,418,985
Arizona Department of Gaming operating costs:	\$2,318,253
Arizona Wildlife Conservation Fund:	\$1,833,996
State Tourism Fund:	\$1,833,996
Problem Gambling Education, Treatment and Prevention:	\$515,167
TOTAL tribal contributions for the quarter ended June 30, 2015:	\$25,758,368

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