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### Increased Gaming Revenue Supports Arizona Programs

PHOENIX– Arizona Department of Gaming is kicking off Super Bowl weekend with encouraging news for tribal contributions. Tribal contributions to the state from gaming revenue will be approximately \$14.2 million for the quarter ended December 31, 2014. This is a 5.8 percent increase when compared to the same quarter of last year.

“While one quarter does not establish a trend, we are cautiously optimistic that these numbers reflect an improving economy,” said Daniel Bergin, Director of the Arizona Department of Gaming. “This is a positive economic sign for our state and critical programs will continue to benefit from this financial support.”

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

Instructional Improvement Fund/Education:	\$6,916,939
Trauma and Emergency Services Fund:	\$3,458,469
Arizona Department of Gaming operating costs:	\$1,600,484
Arizona Wildlife Conservation Fund:	\$988,134
State Tourism Fund:	\$988,134
Problem Gambling Education, Treatment and Prevention:	\$284,738
<b>TOTAL tribal contributions for the quarter ended December 31, 2014:</b>	<b>\$14,236,898</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 23 Class III casinos in the state. Tribes send contributions to the Arizona Benefits Fund every three months.

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