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GUN LAKE TRIBE REVENUE SHARING PAYMENT EXCEEDS \$8 MILLION

The Match-E-Be-Nash-She-Wish Band of Pottawatomi Indians ("Gun Lake Tribe") announced November 30, 2017, that its fall revenue sharing payments to the State of Michigan, local revenue sharing board and an economic development entity totaled \$8.2 million, an increase of 24% over the spring revenue payment. Gun Lake paid the State of Michigan a total of \$4,731,126, the local revenue sharing board \$2,119,954, and GLIMI (an economic development organization) \$1,419,338. The revenue sharing payments are calculated from electronic gaming revenues reported by the Tribe from April 1, 2017 through September 30, 2017.

Scott Sprague, Chairman of the Gun Lake Tribe, noted: "This is a very special distribution because of the significant increase in revenues due to the expansion, and because we have surpassed the \$100 million milestone." He added: "The Tribe's reinvestment of \$76 million into the casino expansion has paid off for tribal citizens, our team members and the community." Sprague was joined by Wayland Township Supervisor Roger VanVolkinburg, a member of the Local Revenue Sharing Board, and Allegan County Sheriff Frank Baker in celebrating the milestone revenue sharing payment. The Tribe provided a separate monetary donation to the Allegan County Sheriff's Department that helped purchase two K-9 units.

The Fall 2017 revenue sharing payment was the first to follow the Tribe's May 3, 2017 opening of their expansion which doubled the facility size, including increasing the number of electronic gaming machines by 30%. The Fall revenue sharing payment reflected an increase of 19% over the Fall 2016 revenue sharing payment.

In accordance with its compact with the State of Michigan, the Tribe directed a portion of the revenue sharing payments to GLIMI, which is

overseen by the State of Michigan and the Tribe's economic development corporation, Gun Lake Investments. The Noonday Market, a fuel and convenience store next to the casino, was the beneficiary of the first GLIMI grant.

OHIO LEGISLATURE MOVES CLOSER TO LEGALIZING FANTASY SPORTS

On Wednesday, November 29, 2017, the Ohio Senate passed by a 25-4 vote legislation that would legitimize and regulate fantasy sports, approving House Bill 132. The proposed legislation provides for the licensing and regulation of fantasy sports by the Ohio Casino Control Commission. The legislation explicitly provides that such activities are not gambling. Small office pools such as March Madness and football pools would not be subjected to the new law.

While the original legislation proposed a six percent tax on the industry, the Senate stripped taxation from the bill before passing it. Instead, operators would simply pay the commercial activity tax on business gross revenue, currently .26%. They would also have to pay licensing fees up to \$10,000 per year.

House Bill 132 returns to the House to be approved with the Senate changes. The house had previously overwhelmingly approved the measure last May. While the legislation appears destined to pass, the Ohio House only has two session days left before the year-end recess. Any legislation would then have to be signed by Ohio governor John Kasich.

NCRG AND MICHIGAN LOTTERY URGE RESPONSIBLE GIFT GIVING THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

The Michigan Lottery and the National Council on Problem Gambling ("NCPG") are urging customers not to buy lottery tickets for minors (anyone

under the age of 18) this holiday season. Per a recent post on the Lottery [website](#):

Please remember: Lottery Tickets are not for children. . . .Research shows that children who gamble run a higher risk of developing gambling problems as adults. Please be mindful and practice responsible giving when gifting lottery tickets this holiday season .

The NCPG began its Lottery Holiday Responsible Gaming Program 10 years ago with the support of McGill University, and the program has received endorsements from the World Lottery Association, North American Association of State and Provincial Lotteries (NASPL) and the European Lottery Association (EL). Michigan is one of 43 North American Lotteries participating in the campaign. For more information about the annual NCPG and McGill University holiday campaign, please visit ncpgambling.org/holiday.

For anyone seeking assistance with a problem with gambling, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services provides the Michigan Problem Gambling Helpline (1-800-270-7117), a toll free line with help available around the clock to any Michigan resident seeking help or information relating to a gambling problem. Additional information on problem gambling is available from the Michigan Association on Problem Gambling, a Michigan non-profit organization which assists problem gamblers. MAPG is the Michigan affiliate to the National Council on Problem Gambling. It takes a neutral stand on gambling, and is an organization to help gamblers and their family members by presenting prevention and recovery information. Those seeking help for a gambling problem or wishing to learn more can find more information at www.michapg.com.