**Media Advisory** 



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## MEDIA ADVISORY: NIGC HOSTS EVENT TO REFLECT ON 30 YEARS OF IGRA

Reflecting on the past, present, and future of IGRA

**WASHINGTON, D.C. October 11, 2018** – The NIGC is hosting a conference titled Reflecting on 30 Years of IGRA. This conference is intended to provide valuable insight and reflection on the impacts IGRA and Indian Gaming has had on Indian country throughout the 30 years since its inception. The event will include panels and Q&A sessions where topics surrounding IGRA will be discussed by NIGC Leadership (past and present), Tribal Leadership, tribal gaming regulators and Industry experts.

## Your Attendance has been personally requested by Jonodev O. Chaudhuri, Chairman of the National Indian Gaming Commission.

| WHO:     | - Speakers include NIGC Chairman Jonodev O. Chaudhuri, & Commissioner Sequoyah      |
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|          | Simermeyer (Panel);   |
|          | - Ernie Stevens, NIGA Chairman (IGRA History);                                      |
|          | - Phil Hogen, NIGC Chairman December 2002 to October 2009 (Chair Panel) and Harold  |
|          | Monteau, NIGC Chairman October 1994 to January 1997 (Chair panel)                   |
|          | - and others.   |
| WHAT:    | The National Indian Gaming Commission will be hosting an event to honor and reflect |
|          | on the past 30 years of IGRA at its Headquarters in Washington DC.                  |
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| WHEN:    | Tuesday, October 16, 2018, 2:30 p.m. EDT.   |
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| ACCESS   | In person attendance: 90 K Street NE, Suite 200, Washington, D.C. 20002             |
| OPTIONS: | Adobe Connect: Click on this link to access:  |
|          | https://nigc.adobeconnect.com/ehxe426lrupf/event/event_info.html                    |
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Phone Call In: 1 888 469-0975

Participant Code: 1082129

**Please Confirm acceptance of Invitation and Attendance** by Monday, October, 15 by 3:00 PM EDT to Rita Homa at Rita\_Homa@nigc.gov or 202-632-7003.

Press Credentials-Press badges must be worn at all times.

**NOTE:** News release, agenda, and other materials can be found on our website following the event. Additionally, we have attached the agenda for your reference. Additionally, we request you do not share any articles or pieces about this event until after we have made our announcement on October 16<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 pm EDT.

Media unable to attend or call-in can view the press conference on the NIGC website after the event.

To learn more, visit www.nigc.gov and follow us on Facebook, LinkedIn, and Twitter.

Invitations to attend the conference was sent to: All Tribes, All Tribal TGRA's, SCIA, House Committee on Natural Resources, ASIA, NIGA, OIGA, AIGA, NWIG, NCAI, NTGC/R, NCLGS (National Council of Legislatures from Gaming States), Federal Bar Association, The National Center For American Indian Enterprise Development, National Council of Urban Indian Health (DC), National Native American Law Enforcement Association (DC), The Midwest Alliance of Sovereign Tribes, (MAST), International Masters of Gaming Law, and Oklahoma Tribal Gaming Regulators Association (OTGRA), American Indian Heritage Foundation (DC), American Indian Higher Education Consortium (DC), Americans for Indian Opportunity (DC), Americans for Restitution and Righting of Old Wrongs (ARROW), Incorporated (DC), The Center for Native American Youth (DC), Native American Journalists Association (DC), and National Native American Law Enforcement Association.

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The Indian Gaming Regulatory Act created the <u>National Indian Gaming Commission</u> to support tribal self-sufficiency and the integrity of Indian gaming. The NIGC has developed four initiatives to support its mission including (1) To protect against anything that amounts to gamesmanship on the backs of tribes; (2) To stay ahead of the Technology Curve; (3) Rural outreach; and (4) To maintain a strong workforce within NIGC and with its tribal regulatory partners. NIGC oversees the efficient regulation of 506 gaming establishments operated by 244 tribes across 29 states. The Commission's dedication to compliance with the <u>Indian Gaming Regulatory Act</u> ensures the integrity of the growing \$31.2 billion Indian gaming industry. To learn more, visit <u>www.nigc.gov</u> and follow us on <u>Facebook</u> and <u>Twitter</u>