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FROM THE PUBLISHER

November marks the celebration of Native American Heritage month across the country, paying tribute to the rich ancestry and traditions of Native Americans. It also marked a historic election. The numbers are in and more citizens voted in this U.S. presidential election than ever before. Whether your candidate won or lost, the democratic process of our country is alive and well, and President-elect Joe Biden will be the 46th President of the United States. While we believe this is good news for the Indian gaming industry as a whole, it does not eclipse the fact that we live in a very divided nation. The new Administration will need to work hard to heal the divide and govern for all of the people.

Shortly after Congress authorized the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act (IGRA) in 1988, we founded *Indian Gaming* magazine in December of 1990. We have watched and covered the evolution of this industry for 30 years now, including the extensive litigation throughout so many phases of this industry – growing from simple bingo halls to Class II and Class III gaming, to new regulatory mountains to climb with sports betting and online gaming. Many of those original humble bingo halls have evolved into world-class casinos and destination resorts. Over the last 30+ years, tribes have fought for the right to game, and through the diligent and unified work of many, the economic impact has benefited countless tribal members in North America.

As we celebrate our 30th anniversary in print, we would like to extend a thank you to all of our loyal readers. With the passage of this milestone, we look to the future and are excited to announce that in addition to our print editions, we will be launching a new digital presence and website in January of 2021. As a cutting-edge news source, we are focused on delivering the most pertinent and important news, products and innovations in a compelling 21st century format to match the innovations of our industry.

As the COVID-19 pandemic continues to devastate around the world, real hope is on the horizon in the form of numerous vaccines and therapeutics pending approval and distribution. In the meantime, we must remain vigilant, and each do what we can to get through this difficult chapter in world history.

Wishing you and yours good health, and that you stay safe through the upcoming holiday season.



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