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FROM THE PUBLISHER

The upcoming election on November 3rd will have a profound impact on all Americans. Not only will voters determine our next President, but critical congressional races across the country will determine which party will control both the U.S. House of Representatives and U.S. Senate. The following races will be determined in this election: President; Vice President; 35 Senate seats; 435 House seats; 11 Governor seats; 10 Attorney Generals; 7 Secretary of State seats; and 280 State Supreme and Appellate Court seats. Much is at stake.

In this issue, NIGA Chairman Ernest L. Stevens discusses the election in his Speak Out feature, "The Importance of the Native Vote." He writes, "In Indian Country, exercising our voting rights not only serves to empower our people and advance our future policy goals, it also serves as an act of honoring those who came before us – those who sacrificed to protect tribal sovereignty and made it possible for us to protect our way of life for future generations."

This month, we continue our Tribal Leader Roundtable feature, speaking with a cross section of tribal leaders from across the country. They discuss how the COVID-19 crisis has impacted their respective tribes, and how they have persevered in these challenging times. Mentioned numerous times as we have explored this roundtable topic over the past several months, is a 'silver lining' of sorts that many tribes have experienced – tribes working together like never before, sharing experiences, ideas, resources and solutions. We can all learn from this kind of collaboration for the greater good.

Also featured in this issue is an Executive Q&A on Sports Betting, Property Development and a New Products and Services Showcase. Although we aren't together walking the G2E show floor this year, we are pleased to provide these exciting new developments for tribal properties.

Stay safe, and encourage your friends and family to vote!



Steve Burke, Publisher

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