



## UNITED *for* OKLAHOMA

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### Tribal Leaders Stand United at Press Conference

Leaders and membership of tribal nations in Oklahoma declare their unity and solidarity on the State-Tribal gaming compacts.

#### Highlights:

- As Oklahoma Tribes, **we stand united** today in our love for our respective Sovereign Nations and the State of Oklahoma
- **We stand united** today in our quest to create a better life for our Tribal members and non-Tribal members - all 4 million Oklahomans
- **We stand united** today on the belief that mutual respect leads to productive partnerships and benefits the State of Oklahoma and our Sovereign Nations
- **We stand united** today disheartened that Governor Stitt's dispute has damaged the spirit of cooperation and collaboration forged over the past 15 years between the Tribes and the State of Oklahoma
- **We stand united** today against those who break promises
- **We stand united** today in our legal stance, supported by a robust and sound legal opinion, in the automatic renewal of the compact
- **We stand united** today against the proposed extension by Governor Stitt as utterly unnecessary given the automatic renewal
- **We stand united** today in honoring our commitments under the auto-renewed compact
- **We stand united** today to keep remitting our exclusivity fees to the State of Oklahoma as outlined in the compact to help the State avoid any budget shortfall
- **We stand united** today in our willingness to have a fair and reasonable discussion on the exclusivity fee and rates once Governor Stitt acknowledges automatic renewal
- **We stand united** today in inviting Governor Stitt to put an end to his self-created crisis by accepting auto renew and coming to the table with a reasonable proposal to provide value for both the Tribes and State
- **We stand united** today in our preference to avoid a protracted multiple-year legal battle

- **We stand united** today prepared for an unfortunate lengthy legal battle with Governor Stitt which will do indescribable damage to our relationship with the State and the State's business reputation
- **We stand united** today with our employees, vendors and patrons in making this New Year's one of the best and 2020 another great year
- **We stand united**

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