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**STATEMENT FROM THE TOHONO O'ODHAM NATION ON ACTIONS BY GILA RIVER
INDIAN COMMUNITY AND SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY**

SELLS, Ariz. – For 22 years, the Arizona Indian Gaming Association (AIGA) has brought together Arizona gaming tribes to advocate for our rights to economic development. The organization has been a unifying force in advancing a successful, regulated gaming industry.

Today the Gila River Indian Community and the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community chose to withdraw from AIGA, which they have the right to do as sovereign tribal governments.

Their actions today are inconsistent with the mission of AIGA, which is to promote tribal gaming and to unify Arizona tribes through that effort. The Tohono O'odham Nation will continue to support AIGA's mission and efforts.

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