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SAN CARLOS APACHE TRIBE ANNOUNCES CLOSURE OF CASINOS & RESTAURANTS

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San Carlos Apache Reservation – Today, the San Carlos Council, the governing body of the San Carlos Apache Tribe (the “Tribe”), announced the closure of the Apache Gold and Apache Sky Casinos from 5 p.m. today through April 3 at noon, or unless otherwise further extended. The Black River Grill and the Apache Prime Steakhouse will also be closed.

The Cutter Convenience Store and RV Park shall remain open. The Apache Gold Hotel will be closed to the public, but open to first responders, healthcare workers and essential government services employees. The Golf Course may close subsequently.

Terry Rambler, Chairman of the Tribe said, *“Health experts have described the coronavirus known as COVID-19 as 10 times deadlier than the common flu. So deadly that people have been infected and are dying from it at an alarmingly rapid rate. The President of the United States, the Governor of Arizona and the Mayors of Tucson and Phoenix have all recommended that public facilities accommodating more than 10 people be closed. Our local health experts also called for the closure. For these reasons and out of an abundance of caution, the Council directed the closure of Apache Gold and Apache Sky.”*

Matt Olin, CEO of the San Carlos Apache Gaming Enterprise (“SCAGE”), which operates the casinos and associated facilities, said, *“We value the safety, health and welfare of our guests and team members. We regret the closure and realize that we will be removing an exciting activity that many have come to enjoy. Of course, we do this also at great financial expense and we will work closely with our vendors and financial partners to weather this storm. We look forward to opening again soon when we can all say that we have conquered this deadly virus.”*

Apache Gold, Apache Sky and their restaurants serve about 1,500-1,700 guests daily. Revenues from SCAGE operations have historically funded government operations of the Tribe and services, such as education, scholarships, elder services, general assistance, public safety and other programs. Currently, there are no patients who have tested positive on the Reservation.