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ORGANIZED LABOR SHOWS SUPPORT FOR CASINO PROJECTS
"Seneca Nation has what it takes to get the job done"

NIAGARA FALLS, NEW YORK – Officials from organized labor joined Seneca Nation of Indians President Barry E. Snyder, Sr. at an afternoon press conference to voice their support for the Seneca Gaming Corporation's casino projects and to call for the Seneca Buffalo Creek Casino project to move forward.

Seneca Niagara Casino & Hotel stood in the background as evidence of the Nation's track record of development in Western New York.

"Four years ago, this was the site of an aging, under-utilized and under-maintained convention center," Snyder said. "In the span of one hundred days, you – the hard-working men and women of Western New York – helped us transform the convention center into a world-class casino that attracts more than six million people to downtown Niagara Falls every year."

Seneca Niagara Casino opened on December 31, 2002, while its 26-story luxury hotel tower, now the tallest building in Niagara Falls, New York, was completed and opened less than two years after ground was broken.

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"We are very proud to have built a piece of Western New York's future," Clyde Johnston, Business Manager, International Union of Operating Engineers, Local 463, said. "This project is proof of what our region can accomplish."

Since opening Seneca Niagara Casino in 2002, Seneca Gaming Corporation has become one of the largest, fastest growing and most successful companies in the region.

Approximately 4,000 people currently work at Seneca Niagara Casino & Hotel and Seneca Allegany Casino, while thousands of additional jobs in the local economy are supported by the more than \$60 million in business Seneca Gaming Corporation conducts with area vendors and suppliers.

A number of casino employees were on-hand at the press conference as well.

"Our employees represent what we want to bring to the area," Snyder said. "They are your neighbors, they live in every corner of Western New York, they pay property taxes and they send their children to local schools."

The proposed Seneca Buffalo Creek Casino would add 1,000 new jobs and deliver approximately \$100 million in revenue to the local economy over the next 15 years through the Seneca Nation's slot machine revenue share agreement with New York State.

The project will also bring \$125 million in initial investment from Seneca Gaming Corporation to the Inner Harbor area of Buffalo, where officials believe Seneca Buffalo Creek Casino will be well-positioned to work with projects like nearby HSBC Arena and the proposed Bass Pro store to revive that section of downtown.

"I want the Mayor and the Common Council to know that the backbone of our economy – the union worker – needs and expects their leadership to turn our fortunes around," Paul Brown, President of the Buffalo Building & Construction Trades Council, said. "Development means jobs and the Seneca

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Nation has proven in just the past few years that they have what it takes to get the job done.”

To date, Seneca Gaming Corporation has invested more than \$500 million in economic development projects in Western New York, including the \$450 million Seneca Niagara Casino & Hotel complex, and \$118 million at Seneca Allegany Casino in Salamanca. Construction crews are in the midst of building a \$140 million resort hotel project at that facility, which is targeted to open in October.

“We want our colleagues in the private and public sectors to step forward and make investments that will complement what we have done and what we plan to do,” Snyder said. “We want to create more jobs, more investment and more economic opportunity.”