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Honoring Our Past, Protecting Our Future is Theme of Second Annual Tribal Problem Gambling Awareness Conference

Four Directions 2010

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Seattle, Wash., September 20, 2010 - Many representatives of Tribal Nations in the Pacific Northwest have come together to plan the second **Four Directions** Conference on Tribal Problem Gambling Awareness. This unique conference will be held at the Tulalip Resort in Tulalip, Washington, on **September 29-October 2**. The four-day **Four Directions** Conference returns following the great success of the first event, held in October 2009 at the Muckleshoot Health and Wellness Center. The Tulalip Tribes in partnership with the Evergreen Council on Problem Gambling are pleased to host the second annual **Four Directions** Conference that features an expanded program. The conference will showcase tribal gaming and problem gambling experts from across the country, including:

- **Gayl Edmunds**, Director of Indian Alcoholism Treatment Services, on Grief and the Therapeutic Process
- **Jacob Coin**, Director of Public Affairs, San Manuel Band of Mission Serrano Indians, on Benefits of Tribal Casino Responsible Gaming

- **Gordon James**, President, 7 Journeys Forward, on Understanding Cultural Differences and Connections
- **Alan Basham**, Senior Lecturer, Eastern Washington University, on Spirituality and Healing
- **Sunny Guillory**, Financial Literacy Coordinator, Northwest Indian College, on 18 With Money to Burn

Community Day- October 1, 2010

The Community is invited to a special Family, Recovery, and Community Day on October 1, featuring sessions focused on family and community health. Sessions will begin at 11:45 am and end at 5:30 pm, and will be followed by the first Tulalip Tribes Family Services Powwow at 6 pm, at the Tulalip Amphitheatre.

The full list of presenters and topics is available on the Four Directions Conference Website at <http://fourdirections.evergreencpg.org/>. Professional Development Scholarships are available for treatment providers who apply for Washington State Gambling Counselor Certification. For more information, call 360.352.6133.

Honorary Chairs: Melvin R. Sheldon, Jr., Chair, Tulalip Tribes and W. Ron Allen, Chair, Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe and President of the Washington Indian Gaming Association (WIGA) Executive Committee

Conference Partner

The Tulalip Tribes are successors in interest to the Snohomish, Snoqualmie, Skokomish, and other allied tribes and bands signatory to the 1855 Treaty of Point Elliot. The Tulalip tribal population is about 4,100 and growing, with 2,600 members residing on the 22,000 acre Tulalip Indian Reservation located north of Everett and the Snohomish River and west of Marysville, Washington. The Tulalip Tribes Family Services provides culturally based programs to nurture children, families and community members by honoring cultural teachings and values for the well-being and preservation of future generations. The program includes intensive outpatient counseling for chemical dependency, outpatient treatment services for chemical dependency, mental health and gambling treatment.

Conference Coordinator

The Evergreen Council on Problem Gambling (ECPG) is a non-profit corporation recognizing the importance of addressing problem gambling in Washington State and nationally. ECPG is dedicated to increasing public awareness of problem gambling, expanding the availability of services for problem gamblers and their families, and encouraging research and programs for prevention and education.

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