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News Release

Ho-Chunk Gaming Madison Amplifies Smoke-Free Environment

MADISON, WI November 5, 2019 - Ho-Chunk Gaming Madison announced as of November 4th there will be no smoking of any kind allowed inside their casino. Wisconsin's only tobacco smoke-free casino has now amplified that by prohibiting all smoking products, electronic devices or otherwise. They are banning vaping devices and e-cigarettes taking their healthy, clean-air gaming environment one step further. With vaping being an underlying health concern locally and nationally, the Ho-Chunk Nation, a sovereign, decided of their own volition to include this ban enhancing their smoke-free initiative.

August 1, 2019 was their fourth year enjoying being smoke-free. "This past four years has been successful and no doubt our decision to go smoke-free contributed immeasurably," said Daniel Brown, Executive Manager, Ho-Chunk Gaming Madison, "It enabled us to strengthen our customer base by attracting new customers. Additionally, a recent employee survey indicated positive comments from our staff. We strive for a healthy environment for both our guests and our staff. This decision was a win-win-win, for our guests, employees and business. Everyone acclimates and can appreciate a healthier indoor environment and I feel confident this enhancement will be no different."

While an estimated 95% of their guests don't vape, Ho-Chunk Gaming Madison will continue to provide an outdoor climatecontrolled smoking cubicle separate from the building, for their smoking clientele. "We are intentional in our consideration and accommodation for all of our guests by offering them a comfortable environment," Brown stated.

Ho-Chunk Gaming – Madison is owned and operated by Ho-Chunk Nation Enterprises, with headquarters in Black River Falls, Wis. Ho-Chunk Nation Enterprises also owns and operates Ho-Chunk Gaming – Black River Falls, Ho-Chunk Gaming - Nekoosa, Ho-Chunk Gaming - Tomah, Ho-Chunk Gaming – Wisconsin Dells and Ho-Chunk Gaming - Wittenberg. For more information, call Ho-Chunk Gaming – Madison at 888/248-1777 or go online <u>www.ho-chunkgaming.com</u>.

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