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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Today the Fort Sill Apache Tribe resolved to temporarily close its *Apache Casino Hotel*, a popular gaming destination, in an effort to join the Lawton community and our fellow Americans in the collective fight against the potential spread of the COVID-19 outbreak.

“The health and safety of our guests and team members is our top priority at this time,” said Chairwoman Lori Gooday Ware. “While there have been no reported cases of COVID-19 at the *Apache Casino Hotel*, we want to do what is in the best interest of our community, guests and team members.” At 11:59 pm on March 19, the *Apache Casino Hotel's* casino, 132 room hotel, gift shop, restaurant, grill, coffee shop, event center and meeting rooms will temporarily close and tentatively reopen on March 31. Our *Apache Market C-Stores* (convenience store/gas station) in Lawton and Anadarko will remain open.”

“We thank you for being loyal guests and understanding that the well-being of the Lawton community is our main priority. The *Apache Casino Hotel* looks forward to welcoming you back when we reopen.”

For media enquiries, please contact Lynn Ray, General Manager at (918)269-7729.

MOUNTAIN SPIRIT DANCER

Mountain Spirit Dancer represents the Mountain Spirit Ceremony which is used by the Chiricahua and Warm Springs Apache. It was given to the Apaches by the Mountain Spirits for blessings, protection, curing and warding off disease. Th Ceremony is stillused today.