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## Nottawaseppi Huron Band of the Potawatomi Announces New Chief Executive Officer

The Nottawaseppi Huron Band of the Potawatomi (NHBP) is proud to announce Barry Skutt, Jr., as the new Chief Executive Officer (CEO) for the NHBP tribal government in Fulton, Michigan.

Skutt is a member of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan. He received a Master of Science degree in General Administration from Central Michigan University in Mount Pleasant, Michigan. Skutt also possesses a Bachelor of Arts degree with emphasis in Psychology and Sociology from Saginaw Valley State University in Saginaw, Michigan.

"We are pleased to welcome Mr. Skutt to our community," said NHBP Tribal Council Chairperson Jamie Stuck. "We are confident that, in this role as our CEO, he will ensure that the decisions we make and the actions we take keep us focused on the cultural, emotional, physical and financial well-being of our tribal community for the next seven generations."

Skutt served as the Director of Utilities at the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe, where he oversaw several departments in the tribal government, such as the Electrical Department, Waste Water and Portable Water Plants, Campground and Pow Wow Grounds, and Maintenance and Janitorial oversight of the Tribal Operations and Public Safety Buildings. In addition, Skutt has also held the role of Interim Assistant Health Administrator and Diabetes Grant Assistant within the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe.

"I am grateful to the Tribal Council for granting me the opportunity to lead this exceptional tribal government full of dedicated, progressive and talented professionals," Skutt said. "I'm humbled and honored by the warm welcome I have received by both the staff and the community. I am looking forward to assisting the tribe in continuing its commitment to sovereignty and providing a service of excellence to its tribal members."

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## About The Nottawaseppi Huron Band of the Potawatomi

NHBP, a federally recognized Tribal government with over 1,400 enrolled Tribal Members, gained federal recognition December 19, 1995. The Tribe's main offices are located at the Pine Creek Indian Reservation near Athens, Michigan, and in Grand Rapids, Michigan. NHBP provides benefits, programs and services to Tribal Members through various Tribal government departments, as well as a Tribal Police Department, Tribal Court and Gaming Commission.

NHBP's economic development entities include FireKeepers Casino Hotel (FKCH), a Vegas-style casino, and Waséyabek Development Company, LLC (WDC), which focuses on the pursuit of non-gaming, economic diversification opportunities.

Under the Tribal-State Gaming Compact, NHBP distributes a percentage of its annual slot machine revenue from FKCH to both the State of Michigan and to the Local Revenue Sharing Board (LRSB). The Native American Heritage Fund, established in 2016, serves to provide resources to improve curricula and educational resources related to Michigan Indian history, as well as to fund initiatives that promote mutual respect and cooperation between local communities and Michigan's federally recognized Tribes.

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