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Soaring Eagle Gaming welcomes two new leaders, Chief Executive Officer Joseph Nayquonabe Jr. and Chief Financial Officer Dawn McGrady

Mt. Pleasant, Michigan - Soaring Eagle Gaming announced the addition of two new administrative team members to oversee operations at Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort, Saganing Eagles Landing Casino & Hotel and the online platform, Eagle Casino & Sports. Joseph S. Nayquonabe, Jr. has been selected as Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and Dawn McGrady has been chosen as Chief Financial Officer (CFO).

Nayquonabe Jr. is a member of the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe and is a transformative leader with over a decade of experience driving strategic business growth and community development. With master's degrees in Tribal Administration and Business Administration, he is passionate about creating economic opportunities that empower communities and drive meaningful change.

As former CEO of Mille Lacs Corporate Ventures, he successfully led a \$600 million portfolio spanning gaming, hospitality, cannabis, entertainment, and government contracting businesses. Nayquonabe Jr. has a history of success with key achievements that include: transforming a casino operation with a \$180 million modernization and leading organizational culture transformation toward collaborative, service-first models. He also brings deep expertise in strategic vision, economic development, and mission-driven leadership. Nayquonabe Jr. was named "Most Admired CEO" and recognized with multiple leadership awards and he has a proven track record of building sustainable businesses while prioritizing community impact.

Dawn McGrady is a proud Tribal Member of the Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate of the Lake Traverse Reservation in South Dakota. She brings a wealth of knowledge and experience with 28 years in the gaming industry, having worked in various Tribal casinos across North Dakota, South Dakota, Minnesota, and currently Michigan.

McGrady's career has focused on the advancement of tribal sovereignty through financial independence and provides insight on why that is an important concern for Indian Country. It allows for independent decision making and ensures tribal nations are in control of leading their own future.

Building strong revenue generating tribal enterprises gives the tribes resources to further fund other tribal initiatives that serves their communities and provides for future generations. She also has proven success influencing industry peers and leadership in onboarding new technology and projects by garnering trust and having them see the importance in moving projects forward.

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Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort - Mt. Pleasant, Michigan, is owned and operated by the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan. The resort offers 516 AAA Four Diamond luxurious guest rooms, full service spa & salon, a large indoor pool along with an all-season outdoor Jacuzzi. The resort caters to numerous corporate event planners with 70,000 sq. ft multi-purpose convention and meeting space. The vast casino floor has more than 3,000 slot machines, just over 70 table games, newly designed poker room, and a high stakes gaming & VIP lounge. Soaring Eagle presents over 45 superstar performances each year in their state of the art indoor entertainment hall and impressive 13,000 seat outdoor amphitheater that hosts twelve outdoor concerts. Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort currently features 10 dining options, such as Siniikaung Bistro, Ascend Sportsbook & Lounge, Central Deli, Native Grind, Little Eagle Café, the Food District and Ruth's Chris Steak House.

Saganing Eagles Landing Casino & Hotel – Standish, Michigan, is owned and operated by the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan. Saganing Eagles Landing Casino & Hotel was built and opened in September of 2019 with 148 guest rooms, a hospitality suite, a swimming pool, three restaurants, and over 1500 slot machines. SELCH offers a dynamic gaming experience with a wide selection of slot machines and electronic games. The hotel provides comfortable accommodations for guests looking to extend their stay. SELCH also offers a variety of dining options that serve a variety of meals from casual comfort food to fine dining experiences.

Eagle Casino & Online – playeagle.com, is an online gaming platform owned and operated by the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe. Eagle Casino & Sports is an online version, of your favorite action packed casino in the palm of your hands. Eagle Casino & Sports currently offers slots, poker and various other table games. It also offers one of the widest betting menus in the new sportsbook. Eagle Casino & Sports is one of the few online casinos in Michigan that can offer exclusive land based casino & resort benefits and rewards based on your iGaming play and loyalty.