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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: 2% Distributions & 8% Payments

The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community announces their recent gaming distributions

Since 1993 the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community has been making bi-annual payments from gaming proceeds of their casinos to local units of government and to the State of Michigan. These payments are 2% and 8% respectively and are derived from the net win from all Class III electronic games of chance commonly known as slot machines.

The two-percent (2%) payments are made each May and November. Local units of Government may make requests throughout the year. To receive an award the entity must first make a request in writing.

For the period of April 1, 2017 through September 30, 2017, the total to be distributed to local units of government in Baraga County, which was derived from the Ojibwa Casino Resort-Baraga, was **\$129,291.03**. The payments approved by Tribal Council for this distribution are as follows:

Baraga County	\$31,445.47
Baraga Area Schools	\$37,857.09
Baraga Township	\$12,667.15
Baraga Township/Bay Ambulance	\$15,000.00
Village of Baraga	\$ 9,737.93
L'Anse Area Schools	\$18,894.52
L'Anse Township	\$ 2,129.77
Village of L'Anse	\$ 1,559.10

Distributions totaling **\$161,747.78** were made to local units of government in Marquette County that were derived from the Ojibwa Casino-Marquette for the same period as follows:

City of Marquette/Hospitality House of the U.P. (Beacon House)	\$ 5,000.00
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LAKE SUPERIOR BAND OF CHIPPEWA INDIANS

"Home of the Midnight Two-Step Championship"

Chocolay Township/Fire, Police, PW Dept., Water Tower	\$70,000.00
Marquette County/Meals on Wheels	\$ 5,000.00
Marquette County/UPAWS	\$ 1,000.00
Marquette County/Superior Watershed Partnership	\$15,270.00
Marquette County/RSVP - Aging Services	\$ 4,477.78
Marquette County/NMU NASA Powwow	\$ 7,000.00
Marquette County/Prosecutor's Office – Child Advocacy	\$ 5,000.00
Marquette Township/US-41 Recreational Underpass	\$25,000.00
Marquette Area Public Schools/Title VII Native Amer. Educ. Prg.	\$ 6,500.00
Forsyth Township/Michigan State Police U.P.S.E.T.	\$10,000.00
Forsyth Township/Trail Riders Enthusiast Alliance (T.E.A.M.)	\$ 2,500.00
Onota Township/U.P. Central Trails	\$ 5,000.00

Eight percent (8%) payments are made to the Michigan Economic Development Corporation. The November 2017 distribution for the Ojibwa Casino Resort-Baraga totaled **\$517,164.15** and **\$646,991.12** for the Ojibwa Casino-Marquette.

The next cycle of awards will be made in May 2018. Local units of government within Baraga or Marquette Counties may apply. Written requests received before March 31, 2018 will be considered.