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### **Pamunkey Tribe Ready to Move Forward with Proposed Casinos in Richmond and Norfolk**

Richmond, VA – Pamunkey Indian Tribe Spokesman Jay Smith released the following statement after the Virginia General Assembly accepted Governor Northam’s amendments and approved commercial casino gaming in Virginia.

**“The Pamunkey Tribe thanks the Governor and the General Assembly for recognizing their right to pursue gaming and for allowing the Tribe be included in this legislation. This will enable the Tribe move forward as it looks to establish programs and services to help their Tribe and support the Commonwealth. As Native Virginians, the tribe will keep its profits in Virginia and reinvest locally – benefitting Virginians and particularly the residents in the communities its casinos will operate.”**

Passage of the legislation follows two years of the state legislature considering whether to legalize casinos in Virginia.

In December, 2018, the tribe announced plans to build a resort and casino in Norfolk on the north bank of the Elizabeth River near Harbor Park. In January, 2020, the Tribe and the City of Norfolk signed a Development Agreement to govern and, along with applicable laws, regulate the relationship between the Tribe and Norfolk as the Tribe develops the commercial resort and casino. The Tribe also plans to compete for the opportunity to build a commercial resort and casino in Richmond.

The Tribe has set up two Facebook pages – one for each location – for supporters and interested people to learn more about these exciting projects. Visit, ‘Like’ and ‘Follow’ [www.facebook.com/AllinforRichmondCasino](http://www.facebook.com/AllinforRichmondCasino) and [www.facebook.com/AllinforNorfolkCasino](http://www.facebook.com/AllinforNorfolkCasino) to stay connected. To learn more about the two proposed resorts and casinos, visit [PamunkeyFuture.com](http://PamunkeyFuture.com).

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