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## **Gun Lake Casino Names Maria Dennison Director of Human Resources**

### ***20-Year Executive Fills Key Management Role at GLC***

(Wayland, Mich.) – Gun Lake Casino (GLC) today enthusiastically announced the addition of Maria Dennison, a 20-year Human Resources (HR) veteran, as its new Director. Maria's two decades of experience and previous roles working for tribal governments complement the management team well.

Maria previously served as the HR Director for the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation (PBPN) in Kansas, where she set the strategic direction for talent acquisition, compensation, learning and development, performance management, and HR compliance.

Before her role at PBPN, Maria was the Regional Director for the Kansas Small Business Development Center, where she implemented a region-wide strategic business assistance program and advocated for the small business sector across twenty-two counties in southwest Kansas.

“We enthusiastically welcome Maria Dennison as our new Director of Human Resources here at Gun Lake Casino,” said Jose Flores, Senior Vice President and General Manager for Gun Lake Casino. “Maria’s vast experience, coupled with her understanding of our core values, compliments our team very well and will help us to continue to grow and offer excellent career opportunities here in West Michigan.”

Maria’s career also encompasses significant roles in sales and marketing, with prior roles at Ashleigh Publishing Group, Media News Group, and Knight-Ridder.

Her start in the casino industry was with Mirage Resorts as an Assistant Sportswear Buyer. She later contributed to the opening of the Bellagio before serving as the Retail Division Training Manager at Beau Rivage in Biloxi, MS.

Maria is a devoted wife and proud mother to two accomplished daughters. A woman of faith, she values integrity and compassion in her personal and professional endeavors. She has a strong affinity for animals and enjoys country western dance, curating projects, and photography.

Gun Lake Casino is looking to add even more team members! For more information about great career opportunities and to apply visit <https://gunlakecasino.com/careers>.

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### **About Gun Lake Casino**

Gun Lake Casino, a premier gaming and entertainment destination, is located off Exit 61 on U.S. 131, halfway between Grand Rapids and Kalamazoo. Gun Lake Casino is nearing its \$300-million expansion, which features a 252-room luxury hotel, a full-service spa, meeting space, and additional dining options that are set to open in March 2025. The Wawyé Oasis, a stunning 32,000-square-foot glass atrium with a year-round tropical climate, will feature a state-of-the-art entertainment center with multiple pools. This space will also serve as a vibrant nightclub, live concert venue, and versatile banquet facility. The venue is scheduled to open in May 2025.

Currently, the casino offers a variety of thrilling gaming options, including 2,300 state-of-the-art slot machines, over 50 table games, a live poker room, a modern sportsbook, and keno. Gun Lake Casino is comprised of high-quality dining amenities, including Shkodé Chophouse with a contemporary take on American cuisine, CBK (Craft·Bar·Kitchen) inspired by the brewery culture in Michigan, 131 Sportsbar & Lounge with over 6,500 square feet of meeting space, and over 1,000 square feet of viewing surface for panoramic views of live events, and Harvest Buffet featuring fresh ingredients, cooked to order.

Gun Lake Casino is owned by the Match-E-Be-Nash-She-Wish Band of Pottawatomi Indians. Gun Lake Casino is committed to giving back by seeking opportunities to improve the quality of life in the community it serves. We believe it is a privilege and responsibility to help build and maintain a positive and healthy community. For more information, visit <https://gunlakecasino.com>.