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# FROM THE PUBLISHER

or the past two years, I've been honored to have been invited to play in Everi's charity slot tournament held in the fall at G2E in Las Vegas. The charity I selected to play for was Spirit of Sovereignty. The first year I won the event (to my surprise!) and through Everi's charity cash prize, was able to donate \$10,000 to help tribal students with college tuition and related educational expenses. The second year, I was quickly out of the running for one of the top prizes, however, Everi still gave the remaining players \$1,000 each to donate to the charity of their choice, and again I selected Spirit of Sovereignty. This gave me the idea that a slot tournament at the NIGA tradeshow in April would be a great opportunity to benefit even more tribal students through Spirit of Sovereignty. David Garelick, who administers the charity, became quite enthused. Everi agreed to co-host the event with NIGA, and now it's official!

NIGA Chairman Ernie Stevens, Jr., will be hosting the Tribal Leaders Charity Slot Tournament during the 2017 Indian Gaming Tradeshow & Convention in San Diego. The slot tournament will be held on Thursday, April 13 at 1 p.m. and is being co-hosted by Everi in booth #1344. All slot tournament winnings will be donated to Spirit of Sovereignty. The first-place winner will have the opportunity to direct \$10,000 to support scholarships at tribal colleges or programs serving Native youth on the reservation of their choice. The secondplace finisher will donate \$5,000 with \$3,000 for third.

If you are able to attend the NIGA tradeshow next month, please stop by for this special event and show your support. Together we can help provide many more college scholarships for tribal students through the Spirit of Sovereignty!

Steve Burke, Publisher

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