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## **REP. HINTZ: STATEMENT ON STATE OF THE TRIBES ADDRESS**

*Celebrating the 16<sup>TH</sup> Annual State of the Tribes Address*

MADISON – Today, Chairman Ned Daniels, Jr. of the Forest County Potawatomi Community delivered the annual Wisconsin State of the Tribes Address at the State Capitol. Chairman Daniels speech discussed the current and future state of Tribal governments and reserve communities in Wisconsin. Specifically, he highlighted the opioid epidemic that has negatively impacted our tribal communities. He also spoke about the need for broadband access in rural Wisconsin. Assembly Democratic Leader Gordon Hintz (D-Oshkosh) expressed his sincere appreciation for the tribal nations that traveled to Madison to take part in this important event:

**“The State of the Tribes Address is an anticipated annual event that highlights the importance of the working relationship between our state government and the eleven sovereign tribal nations in Wisconsin,” Rep. Hintz stated. “Each legislative session, it is an honor to hear from tribal leaders in a spirit of cooperation and mutual respect.”**

**“Wisconsin’s tribal nations are an integral part of our state’s past, present, and future. While we honor and celebrate our tribal history in Wisconsin, we must also address the challenges Chairman Daniels addressed in his speech, including opioid addiction, broadband access, and water quality. I am confident we can make strides in all of these areas with a renewed commitment by state government to engage with tribal leaders. Assembly Democrats are committed to investing in, listening to, and working with Wisconsin’s tribal communities to build a better future,” Rep. Hintz concluded.**

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