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## **NIGC Releases Human Trafficking Training Video Resource**

**WASHINGTON, D.C., Jan. 16, 2025** – The National Indian Gaming Commission recently released a new [human trafficking training resource video](#) to help raise awareness and empower individuals to detect and report suspicious activities in support of victims of human trafficking. The hour-long video is in collaboration with the Department of Homeland Security’s Center for Countering Human Trafficking and Blue Campaign and provides an additional training resource for the Tribal gaming and hospitality industries.

“Human trafficking is a crime that affects men, women and children of all ages across the United States and Tribal communities are not immune. To the extent that it impacts the larger entertainment and hospitality industries, including Indian gaming, Tribes have demonstrated that they want to combat it. To assist in those efforts, NIGC provides these resources as part of our responsibility to ensure public health and safety of Tribal gaming under the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act,” said Sharon M. Avery, NIGC acting chairwoman.

“I have witnessed how Tribes and their gaming enterprises are proactively addressing human trafficking while fostering safe communities. This online resource is an extension to their collaborations with local programs and federal agencies in addressing human trafficking. It will provide Tribal gaming and hospitality workers, as the first contact with patrons, accessible training to effectively identify and safely respond to suspicious human trafficking activities,” said Jeannie Hovland, NIGC vice chairwoman.

Additionally, NIGC is hosting a special emphasis virtual session on human trafficking prevention titled, “Advancing the Fight Against Human Trafficking” on Jan. 31, 2025, at 2:00 p.m. EST. Featured speakers from the Seminole Tribe of Florida and Hard Rock International will share how they are advancing the fight against human trafficking through innovation, collaboration, community support programs, and education initiatives.

Session registration is required and can be found on [www.nigc.gov](http://www.nigc.gov).

For additional resources on human trafficking, find our resource page [here](#).

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