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SUGGESTED LEAD IN:

CHICKASAW NATION GOVERNOR BILL ANOATUBBY DELIVERED HIS OCTOBER 5 STATE OF THE NATION ADDRESS TO A PACKED THEATRE IN TISHOMINGO.

((SOT UP FULL))

**CG: Governor Bill Anoatubby
The Chickasaw Nation**

“My fellow Chickasaws, I am happy to report that the state of the Chickasaw Nation is strong and is getting stronger.”

“It’s strong because of years of hard work from thousands of Chickasaw Nation employees and Chickasaw citizens dedicated to our mission.”

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CG: TISHOMINGO, OK

SPEAKING FROM THE AITAFAMA' ISHTO (AH-IT-TUH-FAH-MAH ISH-TOH!) – “LARGE GATHERING PLACE” –THEATRE, GOVERNOR ANOATUBBY SAID THE CHICKASAW NATION HAS ACHIEVED SUBSTANTIAL GROWTH AND PROGRESS IN RECENT DECADES.

TODAY, THE CHICKASAW NATION OPERATES MORE THAN 100 SUCCESSFUL BUSINESSES IN DIVERSE INDUSTRIES, AND DIRECTLY EMPLOYS MORE THAN 14,500 WORKERS.

GOVERNOR ANOATUBBY DETAILED SEVERAL COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENTS, INCLUDING LAKECREST HOTEL AND CASINO, NEAR ARDMORE, OKLAHOMA, WHICH OPENED THIS YEAR AND WILL HAVE AN ESTIMATED ECONOMIC IMPACT IN YEAR ONE OF ABOUT \$102.4 MILLION.

OKANA RESORT AND INDOOR WATERPARK UNDER CONSTRUCTION NEAR THE FIRST AMERICANS MUSEUM IN OKLAHOMA CITY IS NOW ACCEPTING RESERVATIONS FOR DATES IN APRIL 2025. OKANA, A \$400 MILLION RESORT AND WAETERPARK, WILL OFFER A UNIQUE BLEND OF ENTERTAINMENT, HOSPITALITY AND CULTURE AND EMPLOY ABOUT 400 WORKERS.

RECENT TRIBAL INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS INCLUDE RESURFACED ROADS IN ADA AND TISHOMINGO, AND A NEARLY 500-SPACE PARKING GARAGE AT THE CHICKASAW CAPITOL GROUNDS. SEVERAL BRIDGE PROJECTS ARE PLANNED.

GOVERNOR ANOATUBBY DETAILED PLANS FOR A NEW MEDICAL CENTER IN NEWCASTLE, OKLAHOMA, SAYING THE LONGTIME GOAL TO HAVE A MEDICAL FACILITY WITHIN 35 MINUTES OF ANY CHICKASAW LIVING IN THE TREATY TERRITORY IS NEARLY ACCOMPLISHED.

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“And we are now taking the next steps in bringing healthcare access to Chickasaws and First Americans living in or around Oklahoma City.”

“The greatest investments of all, without hesitation or doubt, are the investments we make in the Chickasaw people.”

SUGGESTED TAG:

GOVERNOR ANOATUBBY’S STATE OF THE NATION ADDRESS HIGHLIGHTS THE WEEKLONG CHICKASAW ANNUAL MEETING AND FESTIVAL. TODAY’S EVENT WAS FOLLOWED BY A PARADE AND DOZENS OF CULTURAL AND FAMILY ACTIVITIES IN TISHOMINGO.

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