

## **VIDEO NEWS RELEASE**

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### **SUGGESTED LEAD IN:**

CHICKASAW NATION GOVERNOR BILL ANOATUBBY DELIVERED HIS OCTOBER 1ST STATE OF THE NATION ADDRESS IN THE NEWLY- CONSTRUCTED AITAFAMA' ISHTO (AH-IT-TUH-FAH-MAH ISH-TOH') – “LARGE GATHERING PLACE” –THEATRE ADJACENT TO THE HISTORIC CHICKASAW NATIONAL CAPITOL AND COUNCIL HOUSE, WHERE CHICKASAWS DRAFTED THEIR 1856 CONSTITUTION.

THIS UNIQUE SETTING FOR THE 62<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CHICKASAW NATION OFFERED HISTORICAL CONTEXT FOR HIS MESSAGE, LINKING DECADES OF TREMENDOUS GROWTH AND PROGRESS WITH ENDURING CHICKASAW VALUES OF SELF-DETERMINATION, HARD WORK, AND COOPERATION WITH FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS.

**((SOT UP FULL))**

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

“We have built a very strong foundation throughout these last 35 years, but we have only just begun. We still have a long way to go.”

“My fellow Chickasaws, and friends, and neighbors and acquaintances, we are standing on a strong foundation. We look forward with confidence into a future of great possibilities for the growth of our tribe and for the progress of our people.”

**((VO BEGINS))**

**CG: TISHOMINGO, OK**

GOVERNOR ANOATUBBY NOTED THAT BUSINESS DIVERSIFICATION AND ECONOMIC SUCCESS HAVE ENABLED THE CHICKASAW NATION TO REACH NEW LEVELS OF SUCCESS, MEET ITS MISSION, AND LIFT UP CHICKASAW PEOPLE.

**((SOT UP FULL))**

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

“You can see our financial outlook is outstanding. This has allowed us to develop new programs, and to expand and adapt current services to meet the future circumstances. We meet them with confidence.”

**((VO BEGINS))**

**CG: TISHOMINGO, OK**

GOVERNOR ANOATUBBY DETAILED A WIDE RANGE OF NEW DEVELOPMENTS, INCLUDING A PLANNED HOSPITAL IN THE OKLAHOMA CITY AREA.

**((SOT UP FULL))**

**CG: Governor Bill Anoatubby  
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“The new hospital will offer numerous outpatient and specialty services and should directly employ as many as 3,500 people,” he said.

**((VO BEGINS))**

**CG: TISHOMINGO, OK**

GOVERNOR ANOATUBBY DETAILED SEVERAL PROJECTS CURRENTLY IN DEVELOPMENT INCLUDING THE OKANA RESORT & INDOOR WATERPARK IN OKLAHOMA CITY AND TWO RESORT DEVELOPMENTS AT LAKES IN CHICKASAW COUNTRY.

**((SOT UP FULL))**

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

“Once complete, we expect each of these development projects to generate a great deal of jobs in their communities and revenue, which we will use to fund and expand our vital programs and services.”

**((VO BEGINS))**

**CG: TISHOMINGO, OK**

RECENTLY, THE CHICKASAW NATION CRIMINAL JUSTICE JURISDICTION HAS EXPANDED TO INCLUDE THE FULL 7,648 SQUARE MILES OF CHICKASAW NATION TREATY TERRITORY, FOLLOWING A U.S. SUPREME COURT DECISION IN 2020 AND A SUBSEQUENT OKLAHOMA COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS RULING IN 2021.

**((SOT UP FULL))**

**CG: Governor Bill Anoatubby**

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“We are committed to providing public safety in our communities as well as a variety of quality programs and services.”

**((VO BEGINS))**

**CG: TISHOMINGO, OK**

GOVERNOR ANOATUBBY REFLECTED ON THE SEELEY CHAPEL MOVEMENT AND THE LONG JOURNEY THE CHICKASAW NATION HAS TAKEN TO THIS POINT.

**((SOT UP FULL))**

**CG: Governor Bill Anoatubby**

**The Chickasaw Nation**

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

“With sovereignty as our foundation, and careful planning and forethought as our guide, we are confident in our ability to adapt to any task and overcome most any challenge.”

**SUGGESTED TAG:**

GOVERNOR ANOATUBBY'S STATE OF THE NATION ADDRESS IS THE HIGHLIGHT OF THE WEEKLONG CHICKASAW ANNUAL MEETING AND FESTIVAL, WHICH RETURNED TO AN IN-PERSON EVENT THIS YEAR AFTER A TWO-YEAR PAUSE.

A PARADE AND A WIDE RANGE OF CULTURAL AND FAMILY ACTIVITIES IN TISHOMINGO FOLLOWED GOVERNOR'S ADDRESS.

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