**Video News Release - Suggested Script**

**SUGGESTED LEAD IN:**

CHICKASAW NATION GOVERNOR BILL ANOATUBBY LED GROUND BREAKING CEREMONIES FOR A MEDICAL CENTER EXPANSION CALLED THE APILA CENTER TODAY IN ADA.

LOCATED AT 1921 STONECIPHER BLVD., THE 38-THOUSAND SQUARE FOOT FACILITY WILL HELP THE CHICKASAW NATION BETTER SERVE THE GROWING NUMBER OF NATIVE FAMILIES COMING INTO SOUTH CENTRAL OKLAHOMA FOR HEALTH CARE AT THE CHICKASAW NATION MEDICAL CENTER.

**((SOT UP FULL))**

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

“Our programs and our services are reaching a greater number of Chickasaws right now and other Native Families through a place like the medical center than ever before. It’s especially true of this Medical Center, which saw over 800,000 patient visits last year.”

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**CG: ADA, OK**

GOV. ANOATUBBY NOTED THAT HEALTH CARE HAS LONG BEEN A HIGH PRIORITY FOR THE TRIBE.

THE NEW APILA CENTER WILL SUPPORT THE DAY-TO-DAY OPERATIONS OF THE MEDICAL CENTER, ADDING TRAINING CENTERS, OFFICES AND MEETING AREAS AND ALLOWING SPACE IN THE MAIN FACILITY TO EXPAND THE FAMILY PRACTICE, INTERNAL MEDICINE, MENTAL HEALTH, OPTOMETRY AND PEDIATRICS SERVICES.

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“Also, there are 100 employees that will move from the Medical Center to the new Apila Center. It will shift about 29,000 square feet of space that's now used in the medical center that will now be converted to actual direct care for our patients.”

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SINCE OPENING ITS DOORS IN 2010, THE CHICKASAW NATION MEDICAL CENTER HAS SERVED THOUSANDS OF CHICKASAW AND NATIVE FAMILIES. THE NEARBY CHIKASHA HOUSE, WHICH OPENED IN 2013, HAS ASSISTED MORE THAN 1,700 FAMILIES VISITING LONG-TERM PATIENTS OF THE MEDICAL CENTER.

THE CHICKASAW NATION IS THE 12TH LARGEST TRIBE IN THE NATION, WITH APPROXIMATELY 63,000 TRIBAL CITIZENS AND MORE THAN 13,000 EMPLOYEES.

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