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NYS Gaming Commission Announces May 10-11 Charitable Gaming Hearings in Buffalo and Syracuse

Events to gather input from charitable organizations on additional improvements to New York charitable gaming laws & regulations

The New York State Gaming Commission today announced public hearings in Buffalo and Syracuse to provide charitable organizations an opportunity to address regulators on ideas to make fundraising through legal gaming easier. The goal of the hearings is to identify ways to further help charitable organizations raise more funds for their worthwhile causes. The public hearings will take place:

Buffalo:

Wednesday, May 10, 2017 at 5 p.m.

New York Gaming Commission - Lottery Customer Service Center 165 Genesee St. Buffalo, NY 14203

Syracuse:

Thursday, May 11, 2017 at 5 p.m.

New York Gaming Commission - Lottery Customer Service Center 620 Erie Boulevard West Syracuse, NY 13204

<u>Governor Andrew M. Cuomo recently announced proposals to modernize charitable gaming</u> <u>rules and support non-profits across New York</u>. These hearings seek to build upon the Governor's measures, giving leaders of impacted organizations an opportunity to discuss additional challenges and make recommendations to the Commission's Charitable Gaming Division staff.

The events are open to the public and the press.

The events will seek testimony from various groups, including veterans' organizations such as The Veterans of Foreign Wars, The American Legion and Disabled American Veterans; fraternal and service organizations including the Loyal Order of Moose, Fraternal Order of Eagles, and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; and churches, volunteer fire departments and other non-profits that raise funds for their organizations via gaming.

To learn more about charitable gaming in New York, visit <u>www.gaming.ny.gov</u>.