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**MEDIA RELEASE: CONSTRUCTION BEGINS ON NEW
PAWNEE NATION CASINO/ RESTAURANT EXPANSION AT HWY 412 & 18**

Pawnee, Okla., May 21, 2009—May 14, 2009, The Pawnee Tribal Development Corporation (PTDC) held the official groundbreaking ceremony for the expansion project at the Pawnee Nation Travel Plaza, located on Hwy 18 at the intersection of Hwy 412. Upwards of 150 guests attended the ceremony.

Pawnee Nation Business Council President George Howell expressed appreciation to PTDC Board of Directors for their persistence in working towards this goal. The Business Council realizes it took both the PTDC Board along with the Council to make this happen.

PTDC Board Chairman, Tom Briggs added, “This Corporation is vested with the task of creating revenue and job opportunities. In 2008, PTDC generated an annual payroll over \$1.3 million and generated total revenue paid to the Pawnee Nation that was over \$900,000. With perseverance comes accomplishment and this is where we are today. We look forward to seeing this project come to fruition.”

Construction will commence immediately on the new \$6.8 million Casino, Restaurant and Bar. The 10,000sf facility will house 200 additional games and include an upscale 80-seat steakhouse. Grand Opening is expected by January of 2010. The new facility promises an exciting, upscale atmosphere with exciting new games, Players Club and exceptional customer service.

PTDC, a tribally-owned corporation of the Pawnee Nation, was established to promote economic development, employment and create revenue for the Pawnee Nation. As a governmental sub-division, all assets of PTDC are assets of the Pawnee Nation.

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