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Florida Gaming Control Commission Highlights Governor DeSantis' Dedication to Preserving and Protecting the Integrity of Gaming Activities in Focus on Fiscal Responsibility Budget

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — Today, the Florida Gaming Control Commission highlighted Governor DeSantis' Focus on Fiscal Responsibility Budget, which includes noteworthy investments to support the Commission's mission of preserving and protecting the integrity of gaming activities in the state.

"The Commission is grateful for Governor DeSantis' steadfast support to successfully execute the mission and vision for gaming in Florida, including an ongoing strategic focus on combatting illegal gaming activity," said **Acting Executive Director Ross Marshman**. "The ability to improve and leverage resources solidifies our ability to ensure the integrity of legal gaming experiences for Floridians and visitors, as well as to safeguard state revenues for key educational and environmental programs."

The proposed Focus on Fiscal Responsibility Budget ensures the Commission can continue to effectively regulate and license legal gaming in Florida, as well as investigate and enforce gaming laws and illegal activity throughout the state. Key investments include:

- **\$784,000** for technology to enhance illegal gaming investigations
- **\$225,000** for additional enforcement and investigation staffing
- **\$2.1 million** for warehouse storage to house seized equipment following enforcement operations

The Florida Gaming Control Commission was created during a 2021 Legislative Special Session and is responsible for exercising all regulatory and executive powers of the state with respect to legal gaming, including pari-mutuel wagering, cardrooms, slot machine facilities, oversight of gaming compacts, and other forms of gambling authorized by state law, excluding the lottery, as well as directly enforcing Florida's gaming laws and combatting illegal gambling activities.

Citizen concerns and reports about illegal gambling activities or facilities in Florida are valuable and can be submitted online at FLGaming.gov/File-a-Report, by email at Contact@FLGaming.gov, or by phone at 850-880-3433.

The mission of the Florida Gaming Control Commission is to preserve and protect the integrity of gaming activities in Florida through fair regulation, licensing, effective criminal investigation, and enforcement.

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