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Seminole Chief James Billie, Founder and Champion of Indian Casino Gambling, to Announce his Candidacy for Seminole Chief on Truth for America



As the most powerful American Indian leader of the past century, Chief James Billie of the Seminole Tribe of Indians is the man responsible for bringing casino gambling to the Indian tribes. Chief Billie takes pride in his heritage as a Seminole and is an expert at building palmetto-thatched chickees. His ring finger on his right hand is kept in a bottle in his pocket, a reminder of an ancient battle with an alligator. He is also an accomplished musician, playing Seminole music while opening for the Beach Boys with hits like "Big Alligator"

Chief James Billie served as chairman of the Seminole Tribe of Florida for 22 years, a longer-term as an elected leader than any

one in the Western hemisphere other than Castro. At the height of his power, he was personal friends with the likes of Burt Reynolds and James Brown, and once dined on alligator and rattlesnake with Donald Trump during one of Mr. Trump's visits to the Everglades. Yet the former Seminole Chief no longer presides over the 2,600 member Seminole Tribe. Once the highest paid elected official in the state of Florida, Chief James Billie had a fall from grace after accusations of financial mismanagement and other allegations resulted in the other four members of the tribe forcing him out.

The Seminole Tribe of Florida, one of the most financially solvent Indian tribes in the country, has Chief James Billie to thank for the \$120,000.00 annual check each member receives as their share of the gaming profits. It was Chief James Billie who came up with the idea of Indian gaming, and then championed the cause in what eventually resulted in a Supreme Court ruling in his favor. Chief Billie has always been wildly popular with his tribe, and even after being booted, still maintains a high degree of popularity amongst his people. Over 400 members of the Seminole tribe signed a petition to allow him to return after his dismissal.

As a stalwart supporter of his tribe, and perhaps as its greatest hero of this generation,

Chief James Billie will now fight to return to his tribe as Chief. It is on Truth for America that Chief Billie has decided to announce his new candidacy for chief of the Seminole Tribe of Florida. Tune in this week to hear his explanation of events, his outlook on the future, and some good ole' gator wrestling tales of his own.

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