



Gila River Hotels & Casinos' Kenneth Manuel Selected as "Most Admired Leader" by Phoenix Business Journal

*Honor recognizes Valley business executives who move the community forward
with their leadership*

CHANDLER, Ariz. (Dec. 21, 2020) – Gila River Hotels & Casinos - Wild Horse Pass, Lone Butte and Vee Quiva is excited to announce that Chief Executive Officer Kenneth Manuel has been named one of this year's "Most Admired Leaders" by the Phoenix Business Journal.

The Phoenix Business Journal recognizes recipients of the "Most Admired Leaders" award as executives who inspire those around them, hold their employees, products and services in the highest regard, run their companies with integrity and are shining examples of how all companies should be run and managed. Winners are chosen by a panel of former "Most Admired Leaders" award recipients.

"I am honored to receive this recognition among so many outstanding leaders in the Valley," said CEO of Gila River Hotels & Casinos Kenneth Manuel. "Leading an organization like Gila River Hotels & Casinos is such a rewarding experience and it's because of the hard work, dedication and success of our team members that I am able to achieve such an honor."

Mr. Manuel was recognized for leading the enterprise to explosive growth in the East and West Valley and for his passion for empowering others around him to succeed. He became the first member of the Gila River Indian Community to become CEO of the enterprise in 2017- after spending more than half of his life working in the gaming and hospitality industry. Mr. Manuel has created an inclusive, innovative, nurturing corporate culture comprised of one team that celebrates all successes together.

The in-person celebration event for the Most Admired Leaders recipients was postponed from earlier in the year due to the pandemic, but Mr. Manuel was recognized during a virtual celebration on Dec. 1. To view the full list of 2020 winners, [visit here](#).

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About Gila River Hotels & Casinos

Gila River Hotels & Casinos operates three Arizona casinos owned by the Gila River Indian Community: Wild Horse Pass, Lone Butte, and Vee Quiva. Additional information is available at 1-800-946-4452 or at PlayAtGila.com.