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Buffalo Thunder Resort & Casino to Host the “Empress of Soul” Gladys Knight on September 5

SANTA FE – Buffalo Thunder Resort & Casino, a combined project of the Pueblo of Pojoaque and Hilton Hotels Corporation, will host the legendary Gladys Knight in a live performance on Friday, September 5 at 9 p.m. Tickets prices start at \$49 plus service charge and tickets can be purchased now by visiting www.tickets.com or calling (800) 905-3315.

Gladys Knight is among the greatest artists of all time with an unstoppable career spanning more than 50 years. The seven-time Grammy winner has enjoyed number one hits in pop, R&B and Adult Contemporary music and has triumphed in film, television and live performance. Georgia born, Knight began performing gospel music at age four and sang as a guest soloist with the Morris Brown College Choir. Three years later, she won the grand prize on television’s “Ted Mack’s Amateur Hour.” The following year, she and family members formed the iconic sensation that would become Gladys Knight & The Pips in 1959.

With Knight singing lead and The Pips providing lush harmonies and graceful choreography, the group debuted their first album in 1960, when Knight was only sixteen. Gladys Knight & The Pips are known for recording some of the most memorable songs of the 1960s, 1970s and 1980s. Top 20 hits include “Every Beat of My Heart,” “Letter Full of Tears,” “I Heard it Through the Grapevine,” “If I Were Your Woman” and the number one smash “Midnight Train to Georgia,” which established Gladys Knight & The Pips as the premiere pop/R&B vocal ensemble in the world. In 1995, Knight earned her star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame and the next year, Gladys Knight & The Pips were inducted into the Rock ‘N’ Roll Hall of Fame.

Knight has recorded more than 38 albums including four solo albums during the past decade, and has appeared on numerous popular television shows including “30 Rock,” “Las Vegas,” “JAG” and “American Idol.” Knight most recently enjoyed a four-year run at the famed Flamingo Hotel & Casino in Las Vegas, Nevada, which was hailed “the number-one show on the Strip” by the *Las Vegas Review-Journal*. A humanitarian and philanthropist, Knight is devoted to various worthy causes, including the American Cancer Society and the American Diabetes Association – for which she is a national

spokesperson. She has been honored by numerous organizations including the NAACP Legal Defense Fund, Congress of Racial Equality (CORE), B’Nai Brith, and is a recent recipient of BET’s Lifetime Achievement Award.

Gladys Knight will perform in the Grand Tewa Ballroom at Buffalo Thunder Resort & Casino on Friday, September 5 at 9 p.m. Ticket prices start at \$49 plus service charge and tickets can be purchased now by visiting www.tickets.com or calling (800) 905-3315.

Buffalo Thunder Resort & Casino, when complete in August 2008, will be the largest destination resort in New Mexico and will include a state-of-the-art casino with Las Vegas-style gaming and the Hilton Santa Fe Golf Resort & Spa at Buffalo Thunder with 390 luxury guest rooms. The destination will offer a variety of world-class amenities including a Hale Irwin-Bill Phillips designed golf course, full-service luxury spa, Mark Miller’s signature Red Sage Restaurant, Blue Tower Lounge, Turquoise Trail Bar & Grill, two heated pools, tennis courts, walking trails, a Native American Heritage Center, retail shopping and 66,000 square feet of meeting and convention space. Buffalo Thunder Resort is located at the foot of the Sangre de Cristo Mountains at Highway 85/285 in Pojoaque, only minutes from historic Santa Fe. For more information, visit www.buffalothunderresort.com or call 877-455-7775.

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