

## Creek Indian Enterprises Development Authority Announces New CEO

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**Atmore, Alabama, October 31, 2018** – Creek Indian Enterprises Development Authority (CIEDA) has announced the appointment of Cody Williamson as the new President/CEO.

Before moving into the President/CEO position, Mr. Williamson served as a member of the CIEDA board of directors for three years in addition to holding high ranking positions with Wind Creek Hospitality. Most recently he held the position of Vice- President of Regulatory Compliance and before that he was the Property Manager of Wind Creek Wetumpka for over six years. Additionally, Mr. Williamson has served as the Director of Purchasing for PCI Gaming and as an attorney for the Poarch Creek Tribal Legal office.

He holds a finance degree from the University of Alabama, as well as a law degree from the University of Alabama School of Law.

“We are excited to have Cody as the new President/CEO of CIEDA. He brings a wealth of knowledge and experience that will enhance the Tribe’s portfolio of businesses, and will move us forward into the next decade with growth and development,” commented Stephanie A. Bryan, Tribal Chair and CEO, Poarch Band of Creek Indians.

Over the year’s Mr. Williamson has served in a variety of civic capacities including as a board member for the Wetumpka Chamber of Commerce and the Elmore County Economic Development Authority as well as a member of the Wetumpka Rotary Club, the Montgomery Lion's Club, and the Wetumpka Gateway Commission.

“As a board member, I have been witness to CIEDA’s growth over the past three years,” said Cody Williamson. “We have an aggressive vision for the future of CIEDA and its task of diversifying the Tribe’s portfolio with high performing business ventures. I believe there is limitless potential to what we can achieve. I am grateful for the opportunity to work with CIEDA in this capacity and look forward to working with the team here at CIEDA to lead this organization into the future.”

### **About Creek Indian Enterprises Development Authority (CIEDA)**

The Poarch Band of Creek Indians operates a variety of economic enterprises, which employ hundreds of tribal members and area residents. Creek Indian Enterprises Development Authority, the economic development arm of the Tribe, manages tribal community-owned enterprises representing a diverse collection of industries including entertainment, food service, manufacturing, travel and retail. The enterprises overseen by CIEDA do not include any government services, nor gaming operations.

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