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Wisconsin Public Radio To Live Stream Annual State Of The Tribes Address on February 13

Madison, Wis. – Wisconsin Public Radio (WPR) will live stream the 14th Annual State of the Tribes Address online at wpr.org. Chairman of the Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin Gary Besaw will welcome members of Wisconsin's 11 native tribes and deliver this year's address from the State Capitol at 1 p.m.

"The State of the Tribes Address is an important opportunity for the tribal sovereign nations in Wisconsin to speak Wisconsin leadership as one voice," said Besaw. "We will explain our world-view and offer to meet the state government in any acceptable compromise, voice our other legislative asks, and finally, offer to help serve our collective Wisconsin public."

The 11 nations represented at the address are Bad River Band of Lake Superior Chippewa, Forest County Potawatomi Community, Ho-Chunk Nation, Lac Courte Oreilles Band of Lake Superior Chippewa, Lac du Flambeau Band of Lake Superior Chippewa, Menominee Nation, Stockbridge-Munsee Band of Mohican Indians, Oneida Nation of Wisconsin, Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewa, St. Croix Chippewa Community, Sokaogon Chippewa Community (Mole Lake Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians).

WPR's live coverage of Besaw's address will be available online at wpr.org, where it will also be archived for streaming and download. Wisconsin Public Television's Wisconsin Channel will air a re-broadcast on February 13 at 8 p.m., and will also have the footage available online at wpt.org.

Besaw has served for 11 years on the Menominee Tribal Legislature, holding positions as chairman, vice chairman and secretary. Previously, he served as Vice President of Student Services at the College of Menominee Nation, and worked on a tribal Menominee language curriculum initiative. He also spent time in K-12 Native American education as a superintendent, administrator, curriculum coordinator and art instructor.

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