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Poker Legend to Raise Money for MDA

Shawnee, OK – Poker legend, ‘Oklahoma’ Johnny Hale will help raise money to fight muscular dystrophy on Saturday, August 16th at the FireLake Grand Casino Celebrity Poker Tournament in the FireLake Grand Casino Events Center. Hale will play along with other celebrities and Texas hold ‘em fans to fight the disease that affects more than one million Americans.

“Johnny Hale is a legend in the poker world,” said Peltier. “It is such an honor to have him join us to play for such a great cause.”

Hale began his poker career three decades ago and since his start has impacted the world of poker playing. Hale and a close friend, Benny Binion, established the World Series of Poker tournament that is still played today in Las Vegas.

“Johnny and Benny created one of the biggest poker tournaments in the country,” added Peltier. “The tournament attracts some of today’s best players including Freddy Deeb, Phil Ivey and Jennifer Tilly.”

Known as the ‘Gentleman Gambler’, Hale also created the Seniors Hall of Fame for Poker and the Seniors World Championship of Poker. The Senior World Championship of Poker takes place in conjunction with the World Series of Poker.

Still living by the saying “Stay Lucky,” Hale makes his home in Las Vegas.

Presented with pride by the Citizen Potawatomi Nation, FireLake Grand Casino features more than 1,800 Vegas-style games in 125,000 square feet, from the hottest slot machines to some 100 table games. As all games are designated “Class 3, Oklahoma Compact,” six percent of FireLake Grand’s net gaming revenue goes to support the state’s public education. Dining options range from the elegant Embers Steakhouse to casual choices like the area’s most popular buffet. The Casino is conveniently located just east of Oklahoma City on Interstate 40 at Exit 178.

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