







**American Gaming Association releases State of the States report 6** On June 3 the American Gaming Association (AGA) released the **2020 State of the States** report. According to the report, 2019 marked the fifth-straight year of revenue increases with a record \$43.6 billion generated in commercial gaming revenue. The AGA estimates the US gaming industry (including Tribal and Off-Strip) generated \$261 billion in total economic activity, including an estimated \$52 billion worth of revenue to outside contractors.

**New Jersey Assembly passes bill designating Howell House in Cape May as Pgy 'Lgt ug{ a'q'htlekrn' Harriet Tubman Museum** - As reported by **The Press of Atlantic City**, on June 30 the New Jersey State Assembly unanimously passed Bill **A3201** recognizing official Harriet Tubman Museum. The bill was received in the senate and referred to Senate State Government, Wagering, Tourism & Historic Preservation Committee.

**New Jersey enters Stage 2 of reopening June 15** - As reported by **NJ.com**, New Jersey entered Stage 2 of the statewide reopening plan allowing, among other things, the reopening of non-essential retail and outdoor dining at restaurants. According to **NJ.com**, the Tennessee Avenue Beer Hall was among the first dining establishments in Atlantic City to open for outdoor dining. They served the first legal beer to be consumed on-premise in three months at 6 a.m. on June 15.

**Restaurant employment begins to rebound** ó As reported by the **National Restaurant Association**, restaurants nationwide added 1.4 million jobs in May. This is a step toward reclaiming the estimated 6 million jobs lost due to the COVID-19 coronavirus in March and April. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, there were 6.3 million employees on payroll at eating and drinking places in April 2020, the lowest employment level for the industry since May 1988. It is estimated that the restaurant industry lost three times more jobs than any other industry in March and April, however job gains in May were three times higher than the next closest industry (construction).

**Three states will impose quarantine on visitors from states with COVID-19 spikes** ó As reported by **The New York Times**, on June 24, New Y  
a positive test rate higher than 10 per 100,000 residents, or a state with a 10 percent or higher rate over a seven-day rolling average (at that time Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, Florida, North Carolina, South Carolina, Texas and Utah) to quarantine for 14 days.

**U.S. Travel forecasts 45% decline in U.S. travel spending in 2020** - According to a **forecast** published by U.S. Travel and reported by **Lodging Magazine**, total travel spending in the U.S. is expected to decline 44.8% year-over-year in 2020, generating \$622 billion in spending compared to \$1.127 trillion in 2019. Domestic trips by U.S. residents are expected to fall by 30% year-over-year to 1.6 billion. This is the lowest rate since 1991, which was during a period of recession.