



# State of Indiana Indiana Horse Racing Commission

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DATE: October 23, 2015  
TO: Indiana Horse Racing Participants  
FROM: Thomas Weatherwax, Indiana Horse Racing Commission Chairman

As racing comes to an end and horsemen begin to prepare for 2016 with the annual Quarter Horse, Standardbred and Thoroughbred sales, we have a lot to be proud of as an industry. Just earlier this week, members of the Indiana Horse Racing Commission, Purdue University leadership, Centaur Gaming executives, and representatives from every breed organization were in attendance for the Centaur Regional Equine Diagnostic and Surgical Center groundbreaking ceremony. This new state-of-the-art facility, which is being built with the generous support from Shelby County and the City of Shelbyville, as well as a \$3.1 million contribution by Centaur Gaming, will provide needed health services to horses in our industry. The addition of such a resource will continue to make Indiana a top-notch racing state and leader in the sport.

Additionally, two successful racing seasons at Indiana Grand Racing & Casino and Hoosier Park Racing & Casino are coming to a close. I am happy to report that the work we all have done together over the last few years is continuing to pay off as Indiana horse racing is gaining in national prominence and continues to attract new fans.

All of this and more was accomplished through our combined efforts as an industry, and as a result has positioned Indiana horse racing to accomplish even more great things in the coming years. Furthermore, with direction from the Indiana General Assembly that the IHRC undertake new efforts to promote and market Indiana horse racing, we will begin to implement new marketing efforts in preparation for next year's race meets.

Therefore, the IHRC has decided to host the 2015 Racing Summit in an effort to create an open dialogue about our industry. This open-invitation public meeting will give all Indiana horse racing participants an opportunity to share their thoughts and suggestions with members of the IHRC.

We will provide more information in the coming weeks and will call on input from the breed organizations and racetracks so that we can construct a productive and meaningful meeting.

We look forward to what the future has in store for our growing industry.

On behalf of the entire Indiana Horse Racing Commission, we congratulate you on another successful year.