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## **OWA Parks & Resort unveils its newest addition to Tropic Falls**

**Foley, Ala.**— Splash into spring at OWA Parks & Resort with the opening of a \$70 million+ expansion of water-themed fun at Tropic Falls! The latest opening includes a tropical themed 30,000 sq. ft. outdoor wave pool called *Big Water Bay,* located only steps away from the recently opened indoor water park. Another new attraction is a surf simulator - *Coastal Curl,* located beside the wave pool, where you can catch the perfect wave! Nestled at the top of the wave pool is a performance stage area with a 48' wide LED screen showing the latest water themed movies and hosting seasonally-inspired live performances. Additional features include *Breakers Bar & Grill,* a tropical inspired open-air dining and drinks venue as well as an expansive beach area with ample seating, private cabana rentals and restrooms with lockers.

"Tropic Falls is currently the only indoor waterpark in the United States with both a retractable roof and sidewall adjoining an outdoor water park," said Kristin Hellmich, Director of External Communications, Poarch Band of Creek Indians, "making OWA a stand out destination for family fun and entertainment."

OWA Parks & Resort continues to grow, and has transformed its existing 14-acre theme park, which features 23 rides and attractions, as well as its all-new waterpark expansion, into a true tropical paradise. The addition of *Big Water Bay* and *Coastal Curl*, along with its 100,000 sq. ft. adjacent indoor water park, makes Tropic Falls the largest water-themed attraction of its kind on the Gulf Coast.

"The Tropic Falls expansion has been more than three years in the making and is evidence of our continued commitment to seeing our vision through at OWA," said Cody Williamson, President/CEO of Creek Indian Enterprises Development Authority (CIEDA). "Leading the development arm of the Poarch Band of Creek Indians, we focus on continually investing in projects, like OWA, which allow us to remain a strong economic partner for the State of Alabama."

For tickets, additional information, entertainment options and up-to-date water park news find us online at VisitOWA.com.

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**About OWA Parks & Resort:** Award-winning OWA Parks & Resort in Coastal Alabama is owned and operated by the Poarch Band of Creek Indians. OWA's name is derived from a Creek word for "big water," and the tropical theme of the 520-acre property was inspired by the Gulf of Mexico, minutes away via the Foley Beach Express.

At the heart of OWA is Tropic Falls, which includes a 23-ride theme park and the region's largest indoor water park—bigger than a football field and covered by a convertible roof. Just outside the ticketed areas is Downtown OWA. This pedestrian-only streetscape was inspired by Southern small towns and features numerous options for dining, shopping, and entertainment. The destination resort offers a full calendar of events, from Downtown OWA's own Mardi Gras Parade to the annual Christmas tree lighting with fireworks and snowfall. With its own award-winning TownePlace Suites by Marriott, OWA is the place in Coastal Alabama to thrill, then chill.

**About the Poarch Band of Creek Indians:** The Poarch Band of Creek Indians is the only federally recognized tribe in Alabama. From hospitality to aerospace, we continue to operate in a variety of industries across the World. Read more about our Tribe here.