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Catawba Nation announces Catawba Two Kings Casino Resort as name of gaming and entertainment destination in Kings Mountain, N.C.

Name pays tribute to 18th century Catawba Chief King Hagler and to the City of Kings Mountain

KINGS MOUNTAIN, N.C. – The Catawba Nation today announced Catawba Two Kings Casino Resort as the name of the gaming and entertainment destination the Nation is developing in Cleveland County, North Carolina.

“Catawba Two Kings Casino Resort celebrates our rich history and hopeful future in our ancestral lands in North Carolina – where our people were established hundreds of years ago, as the names Catawba River, Catawba County and Catawba College suggest,” said Catawba Chief Bill Harris.

“The name pays tribute to the 18th century Catawba Chief King Hagler and to the City of Kings Mountain, which will be home to the new casino resort. It also symbolizes the unique relationship that the Catawba people have historically had – and will continue to strengthen going forward – with fellow residents of the region,” Harris said.

The Catawba unveiled the name and logo for the new casino resort on Aug. 28 at a private event attended by citizens of the Catawba Nation community, casino project partners and City of Kings Mountain officials.



The Catawba Two Kings Casino Resort logo depicts a silhouette of King Hagler set against a representation of Kings Mountain.

The logo was developed in consultation with Delaware North. The global hospitality and entertainment company is advising the Catawba on the project.

King Hagler, Chief of the Catawba from 1750 to 1763, forged a peaceful relationship with the American colonists in the region while firmly defending the rights of his people. The Catawba helped protect the colonists, including during the French and Indian War, and in return the Catawba people received their support.



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The City of Kings Mountain is named after nearby Kings Mountain ridge, whose steep slopes are said to have the appearance of a crown. In the Revolutionary War battle of Kings Mountain, the Catawba fought alongside the American colonists.

Today, this history of mutual support and collaboration continues with the development of Catawba Two Kings Casino Resort. The City of Kings Mountain is a strong supporter of the casino resort along with Cleveland County, which has established an intergovernmental agreement with the Catawba on the casino resort's development and operation. The casino is also supported by the Lumbee and other local Native American tribes.

"In addition to celebrating a historic legacy of collaboration, Catawba Two Kings Casino Resort represents a future of positive economic development and jobs – for both the people of the Catawba Nation and residents of Kings Mountain and the area," Harris said.

The Catawba Two Kings Casino Resort name announcement follows a July 22 groundbreaking ceremony that celebrated the beginning of construction at 245 Dixon School Road in Kings Mountain. The first phase of the casino, which will feature about 1,300 slot machines as well as table games and restaurants, is anticipated to open in summer 2021.

The Catawba Nation will work closely with leaders in the City of Kings Mountain and Cleveland County to bring the full project to reality. It is projected to create as many as 5,000 construction jobs and 4,000 valuable permanent jobs for area residents to diversify and strengthen the local economy.

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