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**AZ BUSINESS MAGAZINE NAMES BERNADINE BURNETTE ONE OF THE MOST INFLUENTIAL WOMEN IN ARIZONA BUSINESS FOR 2019**

*President of the Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation to be featured on the cover of the July/August issue with 49 of her fellow honorees*

**FORT MCDOWELL , Ariz. – July 1, 2019** – Bernadine Burnette – president of the Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation – has been named one of the [Most Influential Women in Arizona Business for 2019](#) by Az *Business* magazine.

The 50 honorees were selected by the editorial team and a panel of industry experts from a pool of more than 2,000 women under consideration, and will be featured on the cover of the July/August issue of Az *Business* magazine along with profiles within the publication. Starting today, [azbigmedia.com](http://azbigmedia.com) will feature one of the Most Influential Women of 2019 each day, leading up to the dinner and reception being held in their honor at the Arizona Biltmore on August 22.

“One of the things that makes the Most Influential Women in Arizona program special is that we don’t allow a woman to make the list more than once,” said AZ Big Media editor-in-chief Michael Gossie. “It’s a testament to the number of brilliant, talented women leaders in Arizona that the program continues to be the most elite and competitive in the state.”

“President Burnette has always been a driving, inspirational force within the Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation,” added Craig Benell, director of hotel operations for the We-Ko-Pa Resort & Conference Center. “She has played a pivotal role in the tribe’s growth over the past 20 years – and continues to do so in the construction of our brand new We-Ko-Pa Casino Resort, slated to open next summer. We’re thrilled that her leadership skills, commitment to her people, and pride in Arizona have been recognized in such an illustrious forum.”

**About the Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation**

The Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation is an 889-member Native American tribe that calls Central Arizona’s upper Sonoran Desert home. Located to the northeast of Phoenix within Maricopa County, Arizona, the 40-square mile reservation is a small part of the ancestral territory of the once nomadic Yavapai people, who hunted and gathered food in a vast area of Arizona’s desert lowlands and mountainous Mogollon Rim country.

Fort McDowell Casino and the We-Ko-Pa Resort & Conference Center will become the all-new We-Ko-Pa Casino Resort in 2020, a state-of-the-art gaming and entertainment venue with luxurious accommodations and amenities.

The tribe also operates a variety of successful enterprises including We-Ko-Pa Golf Club, Poco Diablo Resort in Sedona, Fort McDowell Adventures, Eagle View RV Resort, Baja Gas and the Tribal Farm.

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