United States Department of the Interior

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
Washington, D.C. 20240

AUG 19 1999

Honorable Joe Walksalong
President
Northern Cheyenne Tribe
Post Office Box 128
Lame Deer, Montana 59043

Dear President Walksalong:

On July 6, 1999, we received the Sixth Renewal of Agreement between the Northern Cheyenne Tribe (Tribe) and the State of Montana (State), approved February 22, 1999. We have completed our review of this Amendment and conclude that it does not violate the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act of 1988 (IGRA), Federal law, or our trust responsibility. Therefore, pursuant to Section 11 (d)(8)(A) of IGRA, 25 U.S.C. § 2710(d)(8)(A) and delegated authority in 209 DM 8.1, we approve the Amendment. The Amendment shall take effect when the notice of our approval, pursuant to Section 11 (d)(3)(B) of IGRA, 25 U.S.C. § 2710(d)(3)(B), is published in the FEDERAL REGISTER.

We wish the Tribe and the State success in their economic venture.

Sincerely,

Assistant Secretary - Indian Affairs

Enclosure

Identical Letter Sent to: Honorable Marc Racicot
Governor of Montana
State Capitol
Helena, Montana 59620-0801

cc: Billings Area Director w/copy of approved Amendment
Supt., Northern Cheyenne Agency w/copy of approved Amendment
National Indian Gaming Commission w/copy of approved Amendment
Pacific NW Regional Field Solicitor w/copy of approved Amendment
Montana United States Attorney w/copy of approved Amendment

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Indian Affairs

Indian Gaming

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of amendment to approved Tribal-State Compact.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to Section 11 of the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act of 1988, Pub. L. 100–497, 25 U.S.C. 2710, the Secretary of the Interior shall publish, in the **Federal Register**, notice of approved Tribal-State Compacts for the purpose of engaging in Class III gaming activities on Indian lands. The Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior, through his delegated authority, has approved the Sixth Renewal of Agreement between the Northern Cheyenne Tribe and the State of Montana regarding Class III gaming on the Northern Cheyenne Reservation which was executed on February 22, 1999.

DATES: This action is effective September 1, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: George T. Skibine, Director, Indian Gaming Management Staff, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Washington, DC 20240, (202) 219–4066.

Dated: August 19, 1999.

Kevin Gover,

Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.

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SIXTH RENEWAL OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBE AND THE STATE OF MONTANA REGARDING CLASS III GAMING ON THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE RESERVATION

Recitals

The state of Montana ("Montana} and the Northern Cheyenne Tribe ("Tribe") entered into an Agreement ("Agreement") dated September 28, 1993, to authorize under specific conditions Class III gaming on the Northern Cheyenne Reservation. The Agreement has been extended five times while Montana and the Tribe made preparations to negotiate another long-term compact. The Tribe is continuing its investigation of viable options for expanded Tribal gaming operations to provide needed revenues and jobs to the Reservation community.

To enable the Tribe to continue current gaming on the reservation pursuant to the existing Agreement while it endeavors to identify such other options, the parties have determined to extend the Agreement for a sixth time on the terms and conditions set forth below.

This Renewal is entered into in furtherance of Montana Governor Marc Racicot's Proclamation dated March 10, 1993 affirming the principle and integrity of government-to-government relationships between the State of Montana and federally-recognized tribes located within the borders of Montana.

Agreement

In furtherance of good relations and mutual cooperation between the parties, and in accordance with Article X.A., ""Effective Date and Term," of the existing Agreement as previously extended, by this writing the parties hereby renew and extend the term of the Agreement to February 28, 2000. Further, the parties agree that the Tribe may continue to attempt to negotiate proposed changes in the Agreement and Montana will engage in good faith negotiations with respect to the proposed changes. All terms and conditions of the Agreement remain in full force and effect and shall govern the

conditions of Class III gaming on the Reservation until February 28, 2000, or until a revised or new compact has been executed by the parties, whichever first occurs.

Montana and the Tribe indicate their consent to be bound to this Renewal by signature of their authorized representatives below.

STATE OF MONTANA

Marc Racicot, Governor
State of Montana

NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBE

Joe Walksalong, President
Northern Cheyenne Tribe

Approved Pursuant to Montana code Annotated 18-11-105 (1993)

Joseph P. Mazurek, Attorney General
State of Montana

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

BY: _____
Kevin Gover
Assistant Secretary - Indian Affairs

DATED: AUG 19 1999, 1999