



July 15, 2016

**By First Class Mail**

Kurt Riley, Governor  
Pueblo of Acoma  
25 Pinsbaari Drive  
P.O. Box 309  
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**Re: Pueblo of Acoma Ordinance Amendments, Resolution No. TC-APR-08-16-Via.**

Dear Governor Riley:

This letter responds to your request on behalf of the Pueblo of Acoma for the National Indian Gaming Commission (NIGC) to review and approve the Pueblo's amendments to its gaming ordinance. The amendments were adopted by the Pueblo of Acoma's Tribal Council in Resolution No. TC-APR-08-16-Via. The amendments execute various revisions to the Gaming Ordinance intended to conform with the 2015 Compact the Pueblo recently entered into with the State of New Mexico.

Thank you for bringing these amendments to our attention and for providing us with a copy. These amendments are approved as they are consistent with the requirements of the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act and the NIGC's regulations. If you have any questions or require anything further, please contact Staff Attorney Rea Cisneros at 202-632-7003.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jonodev Osceola Chaudhuri".

Jonodev Osceola Chaudhuri

cc: Joe M. Tenorio, Chestnut Law Offices, P.A. (via e-mail)

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**RESOLUTION NO. TC-APR-08-16-VIa**

**APPROVAL BY THE PUEBLO OF ACOMA TRIBAL COUNCIL OF THE 2016  
AMENDMENTS TO THE ACOMA GAMING ORDINANCE**

At a duly called meeting of the Tribal Council of the Pueblo of Acoma held on this 8<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2016; the following resolution was adopted:

**WHEREAS:**

- Section No. 1      The Pueblo of Acoma is a sovereign Indian Nation, recognized as such by the federal government of the United States of America, and in the exercise of its tribal sovereignty remains organized in accordance with Pueblo tradition; and
- Section No. 2      The Pueblo of Acoma accepted the terms of the Indian Reorganization Act (Congressional Act of June 18, 1934, Chapter 576, Codified at 25 United States Code § 461-479 ("IRA")). However, the Pueblo is not organized under the IRA and has no written Constitution; and
- Section No. 3      The Pueblo of Acoma Tribal Council is the legislative authority for the Pueblo of Acoma and has the responsibility to adopt laws applicable on the lands of the Pueblo. This resolution is passed in exercising the responsibilities and authorities of the Tribal Council for and in the best interest of the Pueblo of Acoma; and
- Section No. 4      Congress enacted the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act of 1988, 25 U.S.C. §§ 2701-2721 and 18 U.S.C. §§ 1166-1168 ("IGRA") to regulate Gaming on Indian Lands subject to oversight by the National Indian Gaming Commission ("NIGC") and to authorize Class III Gaming on Indian Lands by Indian Tribes and states pursuant to tribal-state compacts; and
- Section No. 5      The Pueblo of Acoma Tribal Council, pursuant to Tribal Council Resolution No. TC-OCT-21-10-VIa, approved amendments to the Acoma Gaming Ordinance which became effective January 31, 2011 after review and final approval of the NIGC; and
- Section No. 6      The Pueblo of Acoma Tribal Council, pursuant to Tribal Council Resolution TC-MAR-26-15-VIa, approved the 2015 Tribal-State Compact which requires certain changes to be made to the Gaming Ordinance to conform with the new compact; and

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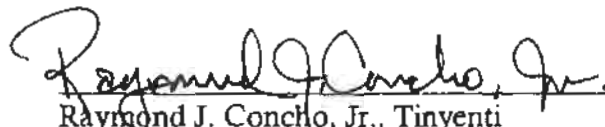
- Section No. 7        The Acoma Gaming Commission and the Sky City Casino recommend additional changes to the Gaming Ordinance generally concerning the scope of licensing required, the delegation of licensing authority to the Executive Director of the Acoma Gaming Commission, provision for summary suspension of licensed employees or vendors in emergency situations, and reporting requirements to the Acoma Tribal Council; and
- Section No. 8        The Chestnut Law Offices, P.A., recommend additional changes to the Gaming Ordinance generally concerning compliance with tribal laws and regulations, consent to tribal court jurisdiction, and refining the interpretation of a Gaming Facility; and
- Section No. 9        An attorney for the National Indian Gaming Commission ("NIGC") recommends that the licensing process affecting key employees and primary management officials be revised to conform with changes to the NIGC regulations governing such employees.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:**

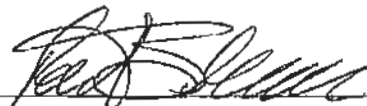
- Section No. 1        The 2016 Gaming Ordinance, a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part hereof, is hereby approved by the Pueblo of Acoma Tribal Council; and
- Section No. 2        Once approved by the chairman of the National Indian Gaming Commission (NIGC), the 2016 Gaming Ordinance shall be enacted into law; and
- Section No. 3        The current Acoma Gaming Regulation shall remain in effect unless contrary to this law; and
- Section No. 4        The Pueblo of Acoma Tribal Council hereby authorizes the Governor, and his designees to execute all documents necessary to initiate the intent of this resolution.



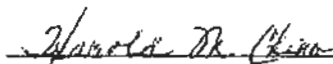
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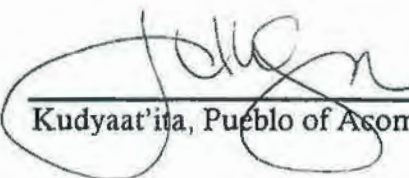
**CERTIFICATION**

I, the undersigned as Governor of the Pueblo of Acoma, "Sky City," hereby certify that the Pueblo of Acoma Tribal Council, at a duly called meeting held on the **8<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2016**, at the Pueblo of Acoma, New Mexico, approve this resolution. a quorum being present, that 10 voted for, 0 opposed, and 0 abstained, with 1 absent.

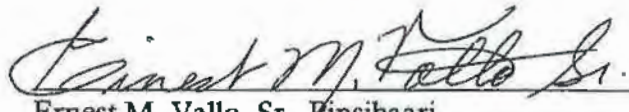
  
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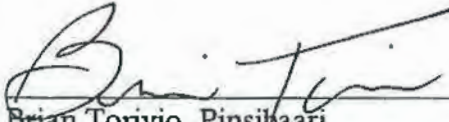
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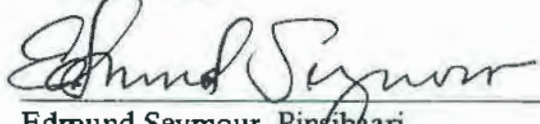
  
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