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April 17, 2012

Honorable Tracie Stevens  
Chairwoman  
National Indian Gaming Commission  
144 L Street NW  
Washington, DC 20005

Dear Chairwoman Stevens:

The member Tribes of the Arizona Indian Gaming Association want to extend our greatest appreciation for the efforts both of the National Indian Gaming Commission and the Tribal Advisory Committee, who worked on behalf of the Indian gaming industry to review and revise part 547 Minimum Technical Standards for Class II. This collaboration reflects a concerted advancement in the efficiency and integrity of the industry.

We hereby submit to you a resolution of the AIGA Member Tribes recommending the adoption of the proposed technical standards as submitted by the Tribal Advisory Committee.

This resolution reflects a unanimous decision of support by the member tribes present at a membership meeting on April 13, 2012, where a quorum was present. We thank you again for your diligent service.

Respectfully,

Valerie Spicer  
Executive Director  
Arizona Indian Gaming Association



## **Arizona Indian Gaming Association Resolution**

### **TITLE: Class II Technical Standards**

**WHEREAS**, the Arizona Indian Gaming Association (“AIGA”) is a voluntary association of tribal governments located in Arizona; and

**WHEREAS**, the revenues obtained by AIGA members through tribal governmental gaming allow AIGA members to advance their sovereignty by strengthening their self-governance, economic independence, health, education, law enforcement and social service programs; and

**WHEREAS**, AIGA has followed with interest the review by the National Indian Gaming Commission (“NIGC”) of existing regulations affecting tribal governmental Class II gaming because of the potential impact of those regulations on AIGA members; and

**WHEREAS**, a Tribal Advisory Committee (“TAC”) was appointed by the NIGC to provide advice on potential improvements to those regulations; and

**WHEREAS**, the TAC, after direct discussion with NIGC personnel, including NIGC members, has unanimously recommended proposed revisions to the existing Class II technical standards; and

**WHEREAS**, those proposed revisions to the technical standards remove an arbitrary time limit on the grandfathering of existing Class II games; substitute cost effective specific tests by valid qualified testing laboratories to replace unnecessary and wasteful system-wide tests by only one particular designated laboratory; eliminate the potentially confusing, legally irrelevant, and unnecessary requirement of preserving the contents of entertaining displays; eliminate

restrictions on play tables; impose minimum probability standards for progressive prizes; and provide other technical improvements; and

**WHEREAS**, adoption of those proposed revisions will not diminish effective regulation of Class II governmental gaming; and

**WHEREAS**, adoption of those proposed revisions to the technical standards will advance tribal sovereignty by allowing more choices to tribes involved in governmental gaming, including allowing continuation of the use of existing Class II games which will increase the economic benefits to tribes using those existing games, particularly in areas of limited player participation; choice of testing laboratories and avoiding unnecessary expense complying with technical standards that do not improve regulation.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Arizona Indian Gaming Association, that the members of the Tribal Advisory Committee are congratulated on their hard work and exemplary service to Indian Country reflected in the draft Technical Standards; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the National Indian Gaming Commission is commended on its creation of and participation with the TAC in its work on proposed revisions to the Technical Standards; and

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED**, that the National Indian Gaming Commission is encouraged to take all steps necessary promptly to adopt as final rules the proposed technical standards recommended and submitted to it on January 12, 2012 by the TAC, so that Indian Country may have the benefit of those proposed standards.

#### **CERTIFICATION**

The foregoing resolution was adopted at a membership meeting on April 13, 2012, with a quorum of Member Tribes present.