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

Dear President Walksalong:

On April 11, 2000, we received the Seventh Renewal of Agreement between the Northern Cheyenne Tribe (Tribe) and the State of Montana (State), approved April 7, 2000. 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 continued success in their economic venture.

Sincerely,

/s/ Kevin Gover

Assistant Secretary - Indian Affairs

Enclosure

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

cc: Rocky Mountain Region 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 Seventh 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 April 7, 2000.

DATES: This action is effective upon date of publication.

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

Dated: May 25, 2000.

Kevin Gover,

Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.

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TRIBAL COUNCIL OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBE
NORTHERN CHEYENNE RESERVATION
LAME DEER, MONTANA

RESOLUTION NO. DOI-037 (2000)

A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL APPROVING THE SEVENTH RENEWAL OF CLASS III GAMING COMPACT.

WHEREAS, the Northern Cheyenne Tribal Council is the governing body of the Northern Cheyenne Reservation by authority of the Amended Constitution and Bylaws as approved by the Secretary of the Interior on May 31, 1996; and

WHEREAS, in September 1993, the Northern Cheyenne Tribe and the State of Montana entered into an Agreement Between the Northern Cheyenne Tribe and the State of Montana Concerning Class III Gaming ("Gaming Compact"), providing for Class III gaming operations on the Northern Cheyenne Reservation; and

WHEREAS, the Gaming Compact had a term of two years, but in Article X, section A, authorized renewal by agreement of the Tribe and the State; and,

WHEREAS, the Gaming Compact has been renewed on six occasions, thereby extending the term of the Gaming Compact to February 28, 2000; and

WHEREAS, the Northern Cheyenne Tribe has proposed that the term of the Gaming Compact be extended again, this time to February 28, 2002, and the attached document entitled Seventh Renewal of Agreement Between the Northern Cheyenne Tribe and the State of Montana Regarding Class III Gaming on the Northern Cheyenne Reservation, ("Seventh Renewal") has been prepared to effect such an extension; and,

WHEREAS, the Seventh Renewal makes no substantive changes in the terms of the original Gaming Compact and provides that the Tribe may continue to attempt to negotiate with the State and that the State will negotiate in good faith.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

1. The Seventh Renewal is hereby approved.

2. The Tribal President is hereby authorized to execute four duplicate originals of the Seventh Renewal on behalf of the Northern Cheyenne Tribe, to transmit the signed documents to the State of Montana for signature by the Governor and approval by the State Attorney General, and to take any further action necessary or appropriate to make effective and implement the Seventh Renewal.

PASSED, ADOPTED AND APPROVED by the Northern Cheyenne Tribal Council by 10 votes for passage and adoption and 0 votes against passage and adoption on this 7th day of February, 2000.

Joe Walks Along, Sr., President
Northern Cheyenne Tribe

ATTEST:

Sharlene Evans, Secretary
Northern Cheyenne Tribe

APPROVED: _____
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