Leland Watterson  
Chairman, Bishop Paiute Tribal Council  
Paiute Professional Building  
50 Tu Su Lane  
Bishop, CA 93514

RE: Gaming Ordinance Amendment of the Bishop Paiute Tribal Council

Dear Mr. Watterson:

This letter responds to your request on behalf of the Bishop Paiute Tribe for the National Indian Gaming Commission (NIGC) to review and approve the Tribe’s amendment to its gaming ordinance. The amendment to the gaming ordinance was adopted by the Bishop Paiute Tribal Council, on February 22, 2007, via Resolution No. T-2007-04. This proposed amendment decreases the minimum age for gaming from twenty-one (21) to eighteen (18).

This letter constitutes approval under the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act (IGRA), 25 U.S.C. § 2701 et seq., of this amendment to the Tribe’s gaming ordinance.

Thank you for submitting the amendment for review and approval. If you have any questions, please contact Staff Attorney Jennifer Ward at (202) 418-9814.

Sincerely,

Philip N. Hogen  
Chairman
RESOLUTION NO. T2007-04

SUBJECT: Authorization of Tribal Council Chairman to sign an amendment to Bishop Tribes Gaming Ordinance of the Bishop Paiute Tribe

WHEREAS, the Bishop Paiute Tribe is a Federally recognized sovereign Tribe (The Tribe) and as such is authorized to exercise its Sovereignty. By enacting its own laws governing its own affairs on the Bishop Paiute Reservation, and

WHEREAS, the Tribe wishes to engage in Class II and Class III gaming activity on its Reservation Lands as authorized by 25 U.S.C. § 27702 (The Indian Gaming Regulatory Act), and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Act and 25 CFR § 522, The Tribe must enact a Tribal Gaming Ordinance authorizing such desired gaming activity and after such enactment, the Tribe shall additionally be required to submit any such Ordinance to, and receive approval from, the Chairman of the National Indian Gaming Commission (NIGC), and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tribal Council of the Bishop Paiute Tribe hereby approves and affirms the amendment to the Tribal Gaming Ordinance that changes the age from 21 year old to 18 years old to participate in gaming at the Paiute Palace Casino this action was approved on February 16, 2007 where a quorum was present, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Tribal Council designates the Chairman of the Bishop Paiute Tribe, or in the absence the Vice Chairman, as authorized to affix his/her signature on the Ordinance signifying approval.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that upon Tribal Governmental approval of the Ordinance, the Bishop Paiute Gaming Commission is directed to engage in all additional necessary Communications with the National Indian Gaming Commission (NIGC) to secure the required approval of the Chairman of NIGC.

CERTIFICATION

This is certify that this resolution, at which a quorum was present, was approved by the Bishop Indian Tribal Council at duly called Bishop Tribal Council meeting on the 22nd day of February, 2007 and that this resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way.

Attest:  
Leland Watterson, Chairman  Date  Wanda Summers, Secretary  Date

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