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Gary W. Donald Chairman Bois Forte Reservation Tribal Council P.O. Box 16 Nett Lake, MN 55772

Dear Chairman Donald:

This letter responds to your submission of the revised Bois Forte Gaming Ordinance that was approved by the Tribal Council on December 30, 2003, amending the ordinance to allow Class II non-banking card games within a licensed facility in conformity with state laws and regulations and in conformity with the MICS set out by the NIGC. This letter constitutes an approval of the amended regulations.

Thank you for submitting the amendment for review and approval. The NIGC staff and I look forward to working with you and the Bois Forte Band of Chippewa on future gaming issues.

Sincerely burs Philip N. Hogen Chairman



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- WHEREAS, the Bois Forte Band of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe is a federally-recognized Indian tribe organized under the Indian Reorganization Act of 1934 and operating under the Revised Constitution and Bylaws of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe; and
- WHEREAS, the lawful governing body of the Band is the Reservation Tribal Council and it is authorized to regulate gaming activities within the territory of the Band; and
- WHEREAS, on August 27, 1993, the Reservation Tribal Council adopted Ordinance No. 43-94 (the "Gaming Ordinance") and that ordinance was approved by the Chairman of the National Indian Gaming Commission, which published notice of said approval in the <u>Federal Register</u> on January 18, 1994; and
- WHEREAS, the Reservation Tribal Council has determined that it is in the best interests of the Band to amend the Gaming Ordinance to include express authority for Class II nonbanking card games permitted by law in the state of Minnesota; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Article III of the Bois Forte Gaming Ordinance is hereby amended by adding the following:

Class II non-Banking Card Games Permitted by Law in the State of Minnesota. Non-banking card games may be played within a licensed gaming facility, provided that they are played in conformity with the following rules and regulations:

- 1. Minnesota Laws and Regulations. Non-banking card games may only be played in conformity with Minnesota state laws and regulation regarding hours or periods of operation of such card games and limitations on wagers or pot sizes in such card games.
- 2. Conformity with Minimum Internal Control Standards. Non-banking card games must be played and supervised inconformity with the minimum internal control standards of the National Indian Gaming Commission appearing at 25 C.F.R. Part 542 (2003), and as maybe amended in the future, and under Minimum Internal Control Standards for such card games adopted by the Bois Forte Reservation Tribal Council.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chairman is hereby authorized to submit the amendment to the National Indian Gaming Commission for approval.

Certification

We do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly presented and enacted upon by a vote of 3 for, 0 against, 0 abstaining, at a special meeting of the Bois Forte Reservation Tribal Council, a quorum being present, held on December 30, 2003, at the Lake Vermilion Sector of Bois Forte Band, Minnesota.

Gary W. Donald

Chairman

David C. Morrison, Sr. Secretary-Treasurer