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Chloris Lowe, Jr., Tribal Chairman
Ho-Chunk Nation of Wisconsin
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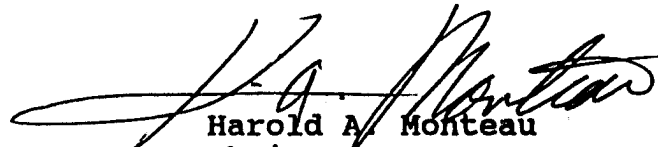
Dear Chairman Lowe:

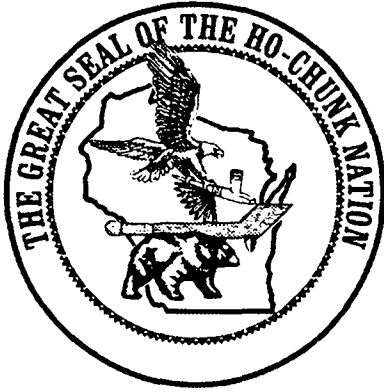
This letter response to your request to review and approve the amendment to the tribal gaming ordinance of the Ho-Chunk Nation. The amendment to the ordinance was adopted by the Nation by Resolution No. 2/20/96-A and Resolution No. 9/06/96-B on February 20, 1996, and September 6, 1996. This letter constitutes such approval under the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act (IGRA).

Under the IGRA and the regulations of the National Indian Gaming Commission (NIGC), the NIGC Chairman is directed to review amendments to ordinances with respect to the requirements of the IGRA and the implementing regulations. Thus, the scope of the NIGC Chairman's review and approval is limited to the requirements of the IGRA and NIGC regulations.

Thank you for submitting the amendments to the tribal gaming ordinance of the Ho-Chunk Nation. The NIGC staff and I continue to look forward to working with you and the Nation in implementing the IGRA.

Sincerely yours,


Harold A. Monteau
Chairman



HO-CHUNK NATION LEGISLATURE

Governing Body of the Ho-Chunk Nation

HO-CHUNK NATION LEGISLATURE RESOLUTION NO. 09/06/96-A

AMENDMENT TO THE HO-CHUNK NATION AMENDED AND RESTATED GAMING ORDINANCE

WHEREAS, On November 1, 1994, the Secretary of the Interior approved a new Constitution for the Ho-Chunk Nation, formerly known as the Wisconsin Winnebago Business Committee; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature of the Ho-Chunk Nation is the duly constituted governing body of the Ho-Chunk Nation, organized and established pursuant to the Indian Reorganization Act of 1934, and given certain powers pursuant to the Constitution of the Ho-Chunk Nation; and

WHEREAS, Article V, Section 2(a) and (x) grants power to the Legislature to make laws, including codes, ordinances, resolutions and statutes and to enact any other laws, ordinances, resolutions, and statutes necessary to exercise its legislative power delegated by the General Council pursuant to Article III, and

WHEREAS, the Ho-Chunk Nation, pursuant to Article III of the Constitution of the Ho-Chunk Nation has adopted the Ho-Chunk Nation Amended and Restated Gaming Ordinance ("Ordinance"); and

WHEREAS, there is a need to revise and update said Ordinance. Now, therefore be it resolved that the Ordinance amended on 2/20/96 is hereby revised to reflect the following changes:

CHAPTER 9. POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE HO-CHUNK EXECUTIVE BRANCH

Sec. 901. The Executive Branch of the Ho-Chunk Nation shall have primary responsibility for managing the business affairs of the Nation's Gaming Operations. In addition to other activities specifically assigned to the Executive Branch in this Ordinance, the Executive Branch and its officers and designated agents shall have the following powers and duties.

- (a) The Executive or its designated agents shall be responsible for making any decisions called for on behalf of the Nation for the Gaming Operations subject to the Legislature's constitutional authority to review such actions.

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- (d) The President, Treasure, and the Executive Director of the Business Department shall perform such activities as are delegated by this Ordinance.

Now, therefore be it

RESOLVED that the above amendments are to become effective immediately upon adoption of this Resolution.

CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned, as Secretary of the Ho-Chunk Nation, hereby certify that the Legislature of the Ho-Chunk Nation, composed of 11 members, of whom 9 constituting a quorum were present at a meeting duly called and convened this 6th day of September, 1996, and that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted at said meeting by an affirmative vote of 9 members, 0 opposed, and 0 abstaining, and that said resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way.

Vicki L. Shisler
Vicki L. Shisler, Legislative Secretary

September 6, 1996
Date

HO-CHUNK NATION LEGISLATURE
RESOLUTION NO. 2/20/96B

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ADOPTION OF THE AMENDED AND RESTATED GAMING ORDINANCE

WHEREAS, On November 1, 1994, the Secretary of the Interior approved a new Constitution for the Ho-Chunk Nation, formerly known as the Wisconsin Winnebago Business Committee; and

WHEREAS, The Legislature of the Ho-Chunk Nation is the duly constituted governing body of the Ho-Chunk Nation organized and established pursuant to the Indian Reorganization Act of 1934, and given certain powers pursuant to the Constitution and Bylaws of the Ho-Chunk Nation, and

WHEREAS, Article V, Section 2 (a) and (x) enables the Nation, through the Legislature, to make laws, including codes, ordinances, resolution and statutes and to enact any other laws, ordinances, resolutions, and statutes necessary to exercise its legislative power delegated by the General Council pursuant to Article III, and

WHEREAS, The Ho-Chunk Nation, pursuant to Article III of the Constitution of the Ho-Chunk Nation has adopted the Wisconsin Winnebago Amended and Restated Gaming Ordinance "Ordinance"; and

WHEREAS, There is a need to revise and update said Ordinance; and now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Ho-Chunk Nation hereby adopts the attached Ho-Chunk Nation Amended and Restated Gaming Ordinance.

CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned, as Secretary of the Ho-Chunk Nation, hereby certify that the Legislature of the Ho-Chunk Nation, composed of 11 members, of whom 10 constituting a quorum were present at a meeting duly called and convened this 20th day of February 1996, and that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted at said meeting by an affirmative vote of 6 members, 3 opposed, and 1 abstaining, and that said resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way.

Vicki L. Shisler
Vicki L. Shisler, Assistant Legislative Secretary for
Pamela M. Matter, Legislative Secretary
Legislative Secretary

2/20/96
Date