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Honorable Bradford Knight  
Interim Chairman, Lake Miwok Indian Nation  
of the Middletown Rancheria  
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Middletown, California 95461

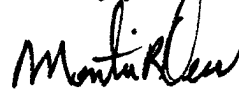
Dear Chairman Knight:

This letter responds to your request to review and approve the amendment to the Lake Miwok Indian Nation of the Middletown Rancheria's (Rancheria) tribal gaming ordinance submitted and received in our office of September 14, 1998. The amendment to the ordinance was adopted by the Rancheria by Resolution No. 98-08-03 on August 22, 1998, and the original ordinance approved by the Chairman of the National Indian Gaming Commission (NIGC) on May 15, 1995. This letter constitutes approval under the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act (IGRA).

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

Thank you for submitting the amendments to the tribal gaming ordinance of the Lake Miwok Indian Nation of the Middletown Rancheria. The NIGC staff and I look forward to working with you and the Community in implementing the IGRA.

Sincerely yours,



Montie R. Deer  
Chairman

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**MIDDLETOWN RANCHERIA**  
RESOLUTION NO. 98-08-03

**IN THE MATTER OF:** Amending Sections 9-4., 22-2. and 4-1. (k) of the Lake Miwok Indian Nation Tribal Gaming Ordinance, approved by the Chairman of the National Indian Gaming Commission on May 15, 1997.

**WHEREAS,** The Middletown Rancheria is a federally recognized California Indian Tribe, as defined under the Indian Reorganization Act of June 18, 1934, governed under the General Council of the Middletown Rancheria: and

**WHEREAS,** The Middletown Rancheria owns and operates the Twin Pine Casino as provided for under the Tribes duly enacted Tribal Gaming Ordinance authorizing such activities; and

**WHEREAS,** The Tribal Gaming Ordinances does not provide for an appeal to the Gaming Commissions decision to issue, suspend or revoke a tribal gaming license; and

**WHEREAS,** The Middletown Rancheria Tribal Gaming Ordinance defines the Tribal Gaming Commission as described in a constitution that does not exist; and

**WHEREAS,** The Middletown Rancheria wishes to amend the Tribal Gaming Ordinance in accordance with the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act as codified at 522.3 of the CFR.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Middletown Rancheria hereby amends Section 4-1. (k) of the Tribal Gaming Ordinance to read as follows:

(k) **“Commission” means the Tribal Gaming Commission as described in this Ordinance of the Middletown Rancheria.**

**THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Middletown Rancheria hereby amends Section 9-4. as follows.

9-4. **The Gaming Commission shall make the decision as to whether a gaming license shall be issued, suspended or revoked.**

**THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Middletown Rancheria hereby amends Section 22-2. by adding (a) as follows.

(a). **Appeals of the decision of the Tribal Gaming Commission to issue, suspend or revoke a tribal Gaming License shall be heard by a non-affiliated tribal court competent jurisdiction within the state of California in accordance with procedures adopted by said court.**

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**CERTIFICATION**

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I Bradford Knight, Tribal Chairperson of the Middletown Rancheria hereby certifies this Resolution was passed, through General Council motions, at a special General Council meeting called for this purpose, at which a quorum was present on August 22, 1998.

Signature	<u>Bradford Knight</u>	<u>9/4/98</u>
	Tribal Chairperson	Date
Signature	<u>Melanie</u>	<u>9/4/98</u>
	Secretary	Date