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A.D. Ellis, Principal Chief Office of the Principal Chief Muscogee (Creek) Nation P.O. Box 580 Okmulgee, OK 74447

RE: Amendments to the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Code Annotated Title 21

Dear Principal Chief Ellis:

This letter is in response to your request for the National Indian Gaming Commission (NIGC) to review and approve an amendment to the Muscogee (Creek) Nation's Code Annotated Title 21, "Gaming," Chapter 5, "Rules of Operation and General Applicability," submitted on July 11, 2006. The Muscogee (Creek) Nation (Nation) National Council approved the Ordinance by NCA 06-134 on June 15, 2006. This letter constitutes approval of your submission under the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act (IGRA). It is important to note that the Gaming Ordinance is approved for gaming only on Indian lands, as defined in the IGRA, over which the Tribe has jurisdiction and exercises governmental power.

Thank you for submitting the ordinance amendment for review and approval. The NIGC staff and I look forward to working with you and the Nation on future gaming issues.

Sincerely,

Philip N. Hogen

Chairman



Muscogee (Creek) Nation

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June 30, 2006

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National Indian Gaming Commission Philip Hogan, Chairman 1441 L Street NW, 9th Floor Washington D.C., 20005

Dear Mr. Hogan:

The Muscogee (Creek) Nation is submitting the following Muscogee (Creek) Nation law: NCA 06-134 (A LAW OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION AMENDING MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION CODE ANNOTATED TITLE 21, "GAMING," CHAPTER 5, "RULES OF OPERATION AND GENERAL APPLICABILITY," to allow for the sale and consumption of alcoholic beverages at gaming facilities approved by the National Council and duly licensed by the Tax Commission), which amends certain provisions of the Nation's Gaming Code, for review by the National Indian Gaming Commission and a determination whether approval is necessary pursuant to 25 CFR § 522.3. Please find enclosed a certified copy of NCA 6-134. If you need any further information please do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely,

A.D. Ellis, Principal Chief Muscogee (Creek) Nation

cc: National Council
Attorney General
Office of Public Gaming

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I hereby certify that I am the designated, qualified Tribal Secretary of the National Council of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, I further certify that this document is a true and correct copy of the original Law MC/I Executed the ZZ day of The zoole

Secretary of the National Council

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NCA 06-134

CLASSIFICATION: #36. TAXATION AND REVENUE

A LAW OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION AMENDING MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION CODE ANNOTATED TITLE 21, "GAMING," CHAPTER 5, "RULES OF OPERATION AND GENERAL APPLICABILITY," TO ALLOW FOR THE SALE AND CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AT GAMING FACILITIES APPROVED BY THE NATIONAL COUNCIL AND DULY LICENSED BY THE TAX COMMISSION

Be it enacted by the National Council of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation:

SECTION ONE. <u>AMENDMENT</u>. MCNCA Title 21, §5-115, is hereby amended to read as follows:

§5-115. Alcoholic beverages

No beverage containing alcohol, including but not limited to beer or liquor, shall be offered or awarded as a prize or in lieu of a prize for winning at any of the activities authorized by this title. Alcoholic beverages or beer may be sold or consumed on gaming facility premises provided that the location has been authorized to sell alcoholic beverages by the National Council by way of duly adopted Tribal Resolution and said location has been duly licensed by the Tax Commission in accordance with MCNCA Title 36, 7-101, et seq.

SECTION TWO. EFFECTIVE DATE AND IMPLEMENTATION. The effective date of this amendment shall be the date of approval by the National Indian Gaming Commission; on the date the National Indian Gaming Commission determines that approval of the amendment is not necessary; or in the absence of issuance of approval or disapproval by the National Indian Gaming Commission, ninety (90) days from the date of submission of this amendment to the National Indian Gaming Commission, whichever date occurs first; provided that this Act shall not be implemented by the Nation until publication of NCA 06-132, the Liquor and Beverage Code, by the Secretary of the Interior in the Federal Register.

ENACTED by the Muscogee (Creek) National Council on this 15th day of June 2006.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Speaker of the Muscogee (Creek) National Council has hereto attached his signature.

George Tiger, Speaker National Council

Muscogee (Creek) Nation

CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned, certify that the foregoing is a true extract from the minutes of the Muscogee (Creek) National Council comprised of twenty-six members with <u>Twenty-two</u> members attending this meeting on the <u>15th</u> day of <u>June 2006</u>, and that the above is in conformity with the provisions therein adopted by a vote of <u>16</u> in favor, <u>4</u> against, <u>1</u> abstention, and that said Law has not been rescinded or amended in any way and the above is the signature of the Speaker of the National Council.

Terry Cook, Recording Secretary Muscogee (Creek) National Council

APPROVAL

I, the Principal Chief of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, hereby affix my signature this 2/ day of ______, 2006, to the above Law, NCA 06-134, authorizing it to become a Law under Article VI., Section VI., of the Constitution of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation.

A. D. Ellis, Principal Chief Muscogee (Creek) Nation

