Alex Lujan, Governor
Pueblo of Sandia
Box 6008
Bernalillo, New Mexico  87004

Dear Governor Lujan:

This letter responds to your request to review and approve the amendment to the tribal gaming ordinance of the Pueblo of Sandia (Pueblo) submitted on June 12, 1995. The amendment was adopted by Resolution No. 95-16 on May 10, 1995. The ordinance was approved by the Chairman of the National Indian Gaming Commission (NIGC) on April 25, 1994. The amendment does not require approval by the NIGC because the amendment addresses issues not raised in the IGRA or the NIGC’s regulations.

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. Provisions other than those required under the IGRA or the NIGC regulations that may be included in a tribal ordinance are not subject to review and approval.

Thank you for submitting the Pueblo of Sandia’s amendment for review. If you have questions or require further assistance, please contact Jessica J. Kachur at (202) 632-7003.

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]

Harold A. Monteau
Chairman
RESOLUTION NO. 95- 16
ORDAINING AND ESTABLISHING
PEUBLO OF SANDIA TRIBAL GAMING COMMISSION

At a duly called meeting of the Tribal Council of the Pueblo of Sandia, the following Resolution was passed:

WHEREAS the Pueblo of Sandia (hereinafter sometimes called "the Pueblo") has been engaged in an on-going gaming enterprise for a number of years which has resulted in benefits to tribal members, including employment for tribal members and others, and has provided funding for valuable and critically-needed tribal operations and programs to assist and protect tribal members, and to increase the economic development of the Pueblo, and

WHEREAS a number of responsibilities which now exist, at the instance not only of the Tribal Government, but also those imposed as a result of the statutory and regulatory requirements of the National Indian Gaming Commission, the State of New Mexico by virtue of the Tribal-State Compact and Revenue Sharing Agreement, recently approved by the Secretary of Interior, the Bureau of Indian Affairs, and others, and

WHEREAS the Tribal Council, after consideration, has determined that the best and most efficient manner in which to carry out the regulatory responsibilities for the conduct of both Class II and Class III gaming activities on its tribal lands would be to establish a Pueblo of Sandia Tribal Gaming Commission, and that the same should be authorized by ordinance, and its organic structure and other elements should be augmented by resolution or direction from the Office of the Governor,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Tribal Council of the Pueblo of Sandia does hereby adopt, enact, and ordain the Ordinance Establishing Pueblo of Sandia Tribal Gaming Commission, a copy of which is attached to this Resolution, for the purpose of regulating gaming conducted by the Pueblo of Sandia on its tribal lands. The Commission will be responsible for carrying out those regulatory functions required or devolved from the National Indian Gaming Commission, the State of New Mexico by virtue of the Tribal State Compact, the United States Department of Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs, and others, and the tribal government, as such functions or responsibilities may be assigned from time to time.
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Commission will hereinafter serve as the Tribal Gaming Agency, as that term is referred to and utilized in the Tribal State Compact and Revenue Sharing Agreement between the Pueblo of Sandia and the State of New Mexico, executed on February 13, 1995, and approved by the Secretary of Interior as indicated by the form Notice published in the Federal Register on March 22, 1995.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Governor, his staff, and the Tribal Counsel are authorized and directed to draft such resolutions so that these matters can be considered in future Council Meetings.

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution was considered by the Tribal Council of the Pueblo of Sandia at a duly called meeting and was adopted by the Council with a quorum being present at a meeting on the 10th day of May 1995.

Governor

Secretary

Tribal Councilman

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