

Lorraine White, General Counsel St. Regis Mohawk Tribe 412 State Route 37 Hogansburg, New York 13655

RE: St. Regis Mohawk Tribe's Gaming Ordinance as Amended by Tribal Council Resolution Nos. 02-104 and 02-113

Dear Ms. White:

This letter responds to your request to the National Indian Gaming Commission (NIGC) for the review and approval of the amendments to the St. Regis Mohawk Tribe's tribal gaming ordinance submitted on July 1, 2002 and July 12, 2002. The Tribe adopted the amendments to the ordinance by Resolution No. 02-104 of June 26, 2002, and Resolution No. 02-113 of July 11, 2002. The Chairman of the NIGC approved the original Ordinance on January 21, 1994. This letter constitutes approval of the amendments under the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act (IGRA). Such approval does not constitute approval of specific games. It is important to note that the gaming ordinance, as amended, is approved for gaming only on Indian lands, as defined in the IGRA, over which the Tribe exercises jurisdiction.

Thank you for submitting the amendments to the tribal gaming ordinance of the St. Regis Mohawk Tribe for review and approval. If you have questions or require further assistance, please contact Mr. William Grant at 202/632-7003.

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Sincerely yours,

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### Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe

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#### TRIBAL COUNCIL RESOLUTION 02 - \_\_\_\_\_\_

WHEREAS, The Saint Regis Mohawk Tribal Council is the federally recognized governing body on behalf of the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe with authority to issue ordinances and regulations;

WHEREAS, The Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe has adopted and ratified a gaming ordinance which establishes the Tribal Gaming Commission and other regulatory structures to coordinate Tribal gaming on the reservation pursuant to Tribal Council Resolution 93-102;

WHEREAS, The Saint Regis Mohawk Tribal Council wishes to amend ARTICLE XII – ESTABLISHMENT OF THE SAINT REGIS MOHAWK GAMING COMMISSION, SECTION C., of the Tribal Gaming Ordinance (TCR 93-102), to allow Tribal Gaming Commissioners, upon the expiration of their post and/or removal from such position, and upon the consent of the Tribal Council, the ability to become employed with any tribally owned gaming operation upon the conclusion of their term(s);

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tribal Council hereby adopts and ratifies the amendment to the Tribal Gaming Ordinance attached hereto and hereby authorizes it to be submitted to the National Indian Gaming Commission for final approval.

Sincerely,

The Saint Regis Mohawk Tribal Council

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### TRIBAL COUNCIL RESOLUTION 02 - 1/3

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#### ARTICLE XII – ESTABLISHMENT OF THE SAINT REGIS MOHAWK GAMING COMMISSION

Present:

C. A Tribal Gaming Commissioner may be a member or non-member of the Tribe who must be twenty-one (21) years of age or older. However, during the Tribal Gaming Commissioner's term of office or for a period of one year following the expiration of such term, no Tribal Gaming Commissioner shall (i) be a gaming employee of any Tribal gaming operation, or (ii) have any direct or indirect financial interest in or management responsibility for any Tribal gaming facility or operation.

To be amended to read as follows:

C. A Tribal Gaming Commissioner may be a member or non-member of the Tribe who must be twenty-one (21) years of age or older. However, during the Tribal Gaming Commissioner's term of office or for a period of one year following the expiration of such term, no Tribal Gaming Commissioner shall (i) be a gaming employee of any Tribal gaming operation, or (ii) have any direct or indirect financial interest in or management responsibility for any Tribal gaming facility or operation. <u>Subsection (i) of this section may be waived by the Tribal Council, if upon majority vote, the Tribal Council so approves.</u> (Emphasis provided).

CERTIFICATION: This is to certify that the above resolution was duly passed by the Saint Regis Multivek Tribal Council pursuant to the authority vested therein.

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## **Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe**

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# TRIBAL COUNCIL RESOLUTION 02 - 104

WHEREAS, The Saint Regis Mohawk Tribal Council is the federally recognized governing body on behalf of the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe with authority to issue ordinances and regulations;

WHEREAS, The Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe has adopted and ratified a gaming ordinance which establishes the Tribal Gaming Commission and other regulatory structures to coordinate Tribal gaming on the reservation pursuant to Tribal Council Resolution 93-102;

WHEREAS, The Saint Regis Mohawk Tribal Council is vested with the authority to appoint and remove individuals to boards, committees, commissions, etc., and;

WHEREAS, The Saint Regis Mohawk Tribal Council wishes to amend ARTICLE XII -ESTABLISHMENT OF THE SAINT REGIS MOHAWK TRIBAL GAMING COMMISSION of the Tribal Gaming Ordinance, to require a minimum of THREE (3), as opposed to FIVE (5) Tribal Gaming Commissioners, and;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Tribal Council hereby adopts and ratifies the amendment to the Tribal Gaming Ordinance attached hereto and hereby authorizes it to be submitted to the National Indian Gaming Commission for final approval.

Sincerely,

The Saint Regis Mohawk Tribal Council

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## TRIBAL COUNCIL RESOLUTION 02 - 104

#### ARTICLE XII – ESTABLISHMENT OF THE SAINT REGIS MOHAWK GAMING COMMISSION

Present:

A. The Saint Regis Mohawk Tribal Gaming Commission ("Tribal Gaming Commission") shall be composed of a minimum of <u>five (5)</u> <u>persons</u>, each of whom shall carry the title "Tribal Gaming Commissioner," (Emphasis provided).

To be amended to read as follows:

A. The Saint Regis Mohawk Tribal Gaming Commission ("Tribal Gaming Commission") shall be composed of a minimum of <u>three (3) persons</u>, each of whom shall carry the title "Tribal Gaming Commissioner", (Emphasis provided).

CERTIFICATION: This is to certify that the above resolution was duly passed by the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribal Council pursuant to the authority vested therein.

Patricia Homas Patricia Thomas, Tribal Clerk

<u>6-26-02</u> Date