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Paul W. Shagen, Lead Attorney Lac Courte Oreilles Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians of Wisconsin 13394 W Trepania Road Hayward, WI 54843

Re: Lac Courte Oreilles Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians of Wisconsin ordinance amendments

Dear Mr. Shagen:

This letter responds to your request for the National Indian Gaming Commission to review and approve amendments enacted by Resolution No. 11-34, which adopted a definition for "Lac Courte Oreilles Reservation" and sets forth the authority of the Tribal Governing Board to license tribal gaming enterprises.

Thank you for bringing these amendments to our attention. The ordinance is approved as it is consistent with the requirements of the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act and the NIGC's regulations. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Staff Attorney Dawn Esther Dittler at 202-420-9229.

Sincerely,

Tracie Stevens Chairwoman

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**RESOLUTION NO.** <u>11–34</u>

## RESOLUTION APPROVING AMENDMENT TO LAC COURTE OREILLES BAND OF LAKE SUPERIOR CHIPPEWA INDIANS AMENDED GAMING CODE OF 1995

- WHEREAS, the Lac Courte Oreilles Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians of Wisconsin ("Tribe") is a federally recognized Indian tribe organized pursuant to the provisions of the Indian Reorganization Act of 1934, 25 U.S.C. § 461, *et. seq.*; and
- WHEREAS, the Tribal Governing Board serves as the governing body of Tribe pursuant to Article III, Section 1 of the Tribe's Constitution; and
- WHEREAS, in accordance with the authority conferred under Article V, Sections 1(c), (e) and (n) of the Tribe's Constitution, the Tribal Governing Board enacted Resolution 95-63 thereby approving the Lac Courte Oreilles Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians Amended Gaming Code (the "Gaming Ordinance"); and
- WHEREAS, through a letter dated September 19, 1995 Nation Indian Gaming Commission ("NIGC") Chairman, Harold A. Monteau, approved the Gaming Ordinance in accordance with the provisions of Indian Gaming Regulatory Act; 25 US.C. § 2701, et. seq.; and
- WHEREAS, the Tribal Governing Board has determined that any amendment to the Gaming Ordinance must be in compliance with the procedures of Chapter IX of the Gaming Ordinance and the laws of the Tribe; and
- WHEREAS, the Tribal Governing Board believes that amendments to the Gaming Ordinance are necessary to ensure definitional consistency; and
- WHEREAS, the Tribal Governing Board has determined that it is in the best interests of the Tribe to amend the Gaming Ordinance in accordance with the foregoing.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Tribal Governing Board hereby amends the Gaming Ordinance as follows:

- CHAPTER II, DEFINITIONS, Paragraph 18 defining "Tribal lands" is deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:
  - 18. "Lac Courte Oreilles Reservation" means:
    - a. All lands within the limits of the Tribe's Reservation as established by Secretarial Order of March 1, 1873; and
    - b. All lands title to which is either held in trust by the United States for the benefit of the Tribe or individual or held by the Tribe or individual subject to restriction by the United States against alienation.
- CHAPTER IV, TRIBAL GAMES, Paragraph 1 (excluding Subparagraphs (a) through (j)) is deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:
  - 1. The Tribal Governing Board may license enterprises to conduct the following games on the Lac Courte Oreilles Reservation:

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Tribal Governing Board hereby authorizes and directs the Officers of the Tribe, and their designees, to do and perform such deeds and acts, and to execute such further documents as necessary or convenient to obtain approval of the foregoing amendment to the Gaming Ordinance and to effectuate the purposes and intentions of this resolution.

## **CERTIFICATION**

I, the undersigned, as Secretary/Treasurer hereby certify (a) that pursuant to Chapter IX of the Gaming Ordinance, the Tribal Governing Board provided the amendments proposed in the foregoing resolution to the Tribal Gaming Commission at least seventy-two (72) hours prior to said meeting of the Tribal Governing Board; (b) that the Tribal Governing Board is composed of seven (7) members of whom <u>5</u> being present constituted a quorum at a meeting thereof, duly called, convened and held on this 23rd day of May, 2011; (c) that consistent with Chapter IX of the Gaming Ordinance, the foregoing resolution was duly adopted at said meeting by an affirmative vote of seated Tribal Governing Board members as follows: <u>4</u> in favor, <u>0</u> against, <u>0</u> abstaining, and (d) that said resolution had not been rescinded or amended in any way.

Brian Bisonette, Scoretary/Treasurer Tribal Governing Board