

October 15, 2012

Via U.S. Mail and Facsimile

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> Re: Muscogee (Creek) Nation Gaming Code Amendment NCA 12-141

Dear Principal Chief Tiger:

This letter responds to your request on behalf of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation for the National Indian Gaming Commission Chairwoman to review and approve the Nation's amendment to the Gaming Code:

The Muscogee (Creek) National Council approved Resolution NCA 12-141 on July 28, 2012, and it was approved by the Principal Chief on August 9, 2012. The amendment removed the prohibition for persons under the age of sixteen to be on premises where gaming is being conducted, and permits persons under the age of eighteen to be present in portions of the facility where gaming is not being played or in the restaurant and buffet.

Thank you for bringing this amendment to our attention. The amendment is approved as it is consistent with the requirements of the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act and NIGC regulations.

If you have any questions, please contact Staff Attorney Esther Dittler at (202) 420-9229.

Sincerely,

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Tracie L. Stevens Chairwoman



I certify that I am the duly appointed, qualified and Secretary of the National Council of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation. I further cert that this document is a true and correct copy of the original La MCA 12-141 Executed this 10th day of August 20

NCA 12-141

CLASSIFICATION: #21. GAMING

A LAW OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION AMENDING MCNCA TITLE 21, § 5-105, ENTITLED "Age limit for gaming" TO REMOVE THE PROHIBITION FOR PERSONS UNDER THE AGE OF SIXTEEN YEARS TO BE ON PREMISES WHERE GAMING IS BEING CONDUCTED

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

SECTION ONE. <u>AMENDMENT</u>. This amendment shall be codified in Title 21, Chapter 5, of the Code of Laws of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation; provided that for purposes of codification of said amendment and its inclusion in pocket parts of the Code of Laws of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, the Codification Committee is hereby authorized: (1) to approve any changes related to the manner in which sections, articles, chapters and sub-chapters are designated consistent with the format in the Code of Laws published in 2010 by West Publishing Company; (2) to include footnoted references to the legislative history in said pocket parts to the Code of Laws and (3) to note in said pocket parts any editorial correction of minor clerical or grammatical errors in the following amendment, without further National Council approval:

SECTION TWO. <u>AMENDMENT</u>. MCNCA Title 21, §5-105 is hereby amended to read as follows:

§5-105. Age Limit for gaming

No person, who is under the age of eighteen (18), shall operate nor shall be allowed to participate in any manner in the operation of any gaming. No person(s) under the age of sixteen (16) shall be allowed on premises where gaming is being conducted. Persons under the age of eighteen (18) may be physically present on or in those portions of the premises where gaming is not being played or in the restaurant or buffet area of such premises. It shall be the responsibility of the licensee to enforce the provisions of this section.

SECTION THREE. <u>EFFECTIVE DATE.</u> The effective date of this amendment shall be the date of approval by the National Indian Gaming Commission; or 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 Nation Indian Gaming Commission, ninety (90) days from the date of submission of this amendment to the National Indian Gaming Commission, whichever date occurs first.

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ENACTED by the Muscogee (Creek) National Council on this 28th day of July, 2012.

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

Samuel S. Alexander, 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 Eighteen members with **Fifteen** members attending this meeting on the **28th** day of **July**, **2012** and that the above is in conformity with the provisions therein adopted by a vote of <u>12</u> in favor, <u>2</u> against, <u>0</u> abstain and that said Resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way and the above is the signature of the Speaker of the National Council.

Sandra Denney, Recording Secretary Muscogee (Creek) National Council

APPROVAL

I, the Principal Chief of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, hereby affix my signature this day of *August*, 2012, to the above Resolution, NCA 12-141 authorizing it to become a Resolution under Article VI., Section VI., of the Constitution of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation.



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George Tiger, Principal Chief Muscogee (Creek) Nation