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The Honorable Bruce Sanchez, Governor Santa Ana Pueblo 2 Dove Road Bernalillo, New Mexico 87004

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Dear Mr. Hughes:

This letter responds to your request to review and approve Tribal Council Resolution No. 99-R-36, which amends Section VI of Ordinance 92-0-04. This letter constitutes such approval.

Thank you for submitting this amendment for review. If you have any questions or require further assistance, please contact our office at (202) 632-7003.

Sincerely yours,

Montie R. Deer, Chairman





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RESOLUTION NO. 99-R-36

AMENDING THE PUEBLO OF SANTA ANA GAMING ORDINANCE TO COMPLY WITH THE INDIAN GAMING REGULATORY ACT

WHEREAS, the Pueblo of Santa Ana is a federally recognized Indian tribe governed under a traditional form of government, and possessing all the inherent sovereign powers of self-government; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council of the Pueblo of Santa Ana is the duly authorized decision making body for Santa Ana Pueblo; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has previously adopted Ordinance 92-0-04, as amended by which it authorized the conduct of Class III gaming on Pueblo lands, created the Santa Ana Gaming Regulatory Commission to regulate such gaming, and imposed requirements as needed to satisfy the terms of the federal Indian Gaming Regulatory Act and the Tribal-State Class III Gaming Compact between the State and the Pueblo; and

WHEREAS, the Pueblo has been informed by the National Indian Gaming Commission that one provision of the Pueblo's gaming ordinance, that purports to exempt certain types of gaming activities from regulation under the ordinance, is not in compliance with the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act in that it exempts types of gaming that under the Act must be regulated, and that the ordinance must therefore be amended; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council, after consultation with the Santa Ana Gaming Regulatory Commission and the Pueblo's Special Counsel, has determined that the

Office of the: Governor Lt. Governor Secretary necessary amendment is appropriate and reasonable, and does not impair any legitimate interest of the Pueblo.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the Pueblo of Santa Ana, as follows:

1. Section VI of the Pueblo of the Santa Ana Gaming Ordinance, as amended, is hereby amended, effective immediately, by deleting the existing language of said Section VI in its entirety, and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

> SECTION VI. <u>EXEMPTIONS.</u> Social games conducted solely for prizes of minimal value and traditional forms of Indian gaming engaged in by individuals as part of or in connection with tribal ceremonies or celebrations shall not be subject to any of the provisions of this ordinance.

2. The Governor of the Pueblo and the Pueblo's special counsel are hereby authorized and directed to submit this amendment to the National Indian Gaming Commission for approval in accordance with the provisions of the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act.

CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned, as Governor of the Pueblo of Santa Ana, hereby certify that the Santa Ana Tribal Council, at a duly called meeting that was convened with proper notice and was held on the 21^{ST} day of <u>October</u>, 1999, at Santa Ana Pueblo, New Mexico, a quorum being present, approved the foregoing Resolution with <u>33</u> members voting in favor, and <u>2</u> opposed.

GOVERNOR

Bruce Sanchez

SECRETARY