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Alton D. Le Blanc Chairman Chitimacha Tribe of Louisiana 155 Chitimacha Loop P.O. Box 661 Chareton, LA 70523

Dear Chairman Le Blanc:

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This letter responds to the request by legal counsel Guy S. Michael to the National Indian Gaming Commission (NIGC) for the review and approval of the amendment to the Chitimacha Tribe of Louisiana's tribal gaming ordinance, Title XII Gaming Ordinance, submitted on July 7, 2000. The amendment to the ordinance was adopted by the Tribe by Ordinance No. # 3-00 on June 15, 2000. The original Ordinance was approved by the Chairman of the NIGC on September 24, 1993. This letter constitutes approval of your amendment under the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act (IGRA).

Thank you for submitting the amendment to the Tribe's gaming ordinance. If you have questions or require further assistance, please contact Lillian Sparks or Sandra Ashton at (202) 632-7003.

Sincerely yours,

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Montie R. Deer Chairman

CC: Guy S. Michael, Chitimacha Gaming Commission Legal Counsel BIA Eastern Area Office



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CHITIMACHA TRIBAL COUNCIL ORDINANCE # 3-00

- WHEREAS, the Chitimacha Tribe of Louisiana is a Native American Indian Tribe organized under the Indian Reorganization Act of 1934; and
- WHEREAS, the Chitimacha Tribe is a sovereign Indian Nation and recognized as such by the United States of America; and
- WHEREAS, the Chitimacha Tribal Council is the duly elected governing body of the Tribe, as authorized by Article V, Section 1 of the Constitution and Bylaws adopted by the People of the Chitimacha Tribe and approved by the Secretary of the Interior; and
- WHEREAS, the Chitimacha Tribal Council, being the governing body of a sovereign nation, has the authority and responsibility of providing for the health, education, safety and welfare of the Chitimacha People; and
- WHEREAS, the Chitimacha Tribe of Louisiana owns the Cypress Bayou Casino, a Native American gaming enterprise operated pursuant to the provisions of the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act, the Tribal State Compact, and the Ordinances of the Chitimacha Tribe and the Regulations of the Chitimacha Gaming Commission; and
- WHEREAS, the Chitimacha Tribe, in order to promote the comprehensive and effective regulation of all gaming activities at said Cypress Bayou Casino, previously adopted Title XII - Gaming Ordinance to the Chitimacha Comprehensive Codes of Justice; and
- WHEREAS, gaming activities commenced on or about December 17, 1993, and have occurred continuously through the present day; and
- WHEREAS, throughout the aforementioned period, the Tribal Council has remained committed to the operation of Cypress Bayou Casino gaming activities with absolute integrity and rigorous and comprehensive oversight; and

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- WHEREAS, the periodic revision of Title XII Gaming Ordinance has been necessary to assure the continuation of this standard of operation; and
- WHEREAS, pursuant to same the Tribal Council recognizes the need for further revision of Title XII - Gaming Ordinance specifically, the addition of Section 704 - Conformity to Compact; and
- WHEREAS, in accordance with the "Procedural Guidelines for Implementation of Ordinances and Revisions", the proposed revision was published before the Chitimacha People with no adverse comments being received.
- THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chitimacha Tribal Council hereby amends, Title XII - Gaming Ordinance with the addition of Section 704 - Conformity to Compact as set forth in the attached revised document.
- **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the aforementioned, shall become effective upon adoption of this ordinance by the Chitimacha Tribal Council and the National Indian Gaming Commission.

CERTIFICATION

I the undersigned, as Secretary-Treasurer of the Chitimacha Tribal Council, certify that the Tribal Council is composed of 5 members of whom <u>5</u> were present at a regular meeting, called, convened and held this 15th day of June, 2000, and that the foregoing ordinance was duly adopted at such meeting by the affirmative vote of <u>4</u> members for, <u>0</u> members against, and <u>0</u> members abstaining; pursuant to the authority contained under Article VII, Section 1 of our Tribal Constitution and Bylaws approved January 14, 1971.

ATTEST:

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APPROVED: Alton D anc

Sec. 704. <u>Conformity to Compact.</u>

Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Title to the contrary, the Tribal Council may agree to Gaming Compact terms and conditions that are at variance with this Title, which terms and conditions, upon receipt of all necessary federal approval, shall supercede any inconsistency in this Title. Upon such varying terms and conditions receiving all necessary federal approval, the Council shall promptly thereafter amend this Title so that it conforms to then-effective Compact terms. (Added by Ordinance # 3-00; Adopted: June 15, 2000; Effective:)

Chitimacha Comprehensive Codes of Justice Adopted: December 5, 1989; Effective: August 14, 1990

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