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Honorable Norma Gourneau
Vice President
Northern Cheyenne Tribe
Post Office Box 128
Lame Deer, Montana 59043

Dear Vice President Gourneau:

On March 17, 1998, we received the Fifth Renewal of Agreement between the Northern Cheyenne Tribe (Tribe) and the State of Montana (State), approved February 17, 1998. We have completed our review of this Amendment and conclude that it does not violate the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act of 1988 (IGRA), Federal law, or our trust responsibility. Therefore, pursuant to Section 11 (d)(8)(A) of IGRA, 25 U.S.C. § 2710(d)(8)(A) and delegated authority in 209 DM 8.1, we approve the Amendment. The Amendment shall take effect when the notice of our approval, pursuant to Section 11 (d)(3)(B) of IGRA, 25 U.S.C. § 2710(d)(3)(B), is published in the FEDERAL REGISTER.

We wish the Tribe and the State success in their economic venture.

Sincerely,

Indian Affairs

Enclosures

Identical Letter Sent to: Honorable Marc Racicot
Governor of Montana
State Capitol
Helena, Montana 59620-0801

**FIFTH RENEWAL OF AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBE
AND THE STATE OF MONTANA REGARDING
CLASS III GAMING ON THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE RESERVATION**

Recitals

The State of Montana ("Montana") and the Northern Cheyenne Tribe ("Tribe") entered into an Agreement ("Agreement") dated September 28, 1993, to authorize under specific conditions Class III gaming on the Northern Cheyenne Reservation. The Agreement has been extended four times while Montana and the Tribe made preparations to negotiate another long-term compact. The Tribe is continuing its investigation of viable options for expanded Tribal gaming operations to provide needed revenues and jobs to the Reservation community.

To enable the Tribe to continue current gaming on the reservation pursuant to the existing Agreement while it endeavors to identify such other options, the parties have determined to extend the Agreement for a fifth time on the terms and conditions set forth below.

This Renewal is entered into in furtherance of Montana Governor Marc Racicot's Proclamation dated March 10, 1993, affirming the principle and integrity of government-to-government relationships between the State of Montana and federally-recognized tribes located within the borders of Montana.

Agreement

In furtherance of good relations and mutual cooperation between the parties, and in accordance with Article X.A., "Effective Date and Term," of the existing Agreement as previously extended, by this writing the parties hereby renew and extend the term of the Agreement to February 28, 1999. Further, the parties agree that the Tribe may, on two separate occasions during the remaining term of the Agreement as extended, request Montana to consider proposed changes in the Agreement, and Montana, upon each such request, will engage in good faith negotiations with respect

to the proposed changes. All terms and conditions of the Agreement remain in full force and effect and shall govern the conditions of Class III gaming on the Reservation until February 28, 1999, or until a revised or new compact has been executed by the parties, whichever first occurs.

Montana and the Tribe indicate their consent to be bound to this Renewal by signature of their authorized representatives below.

NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBE



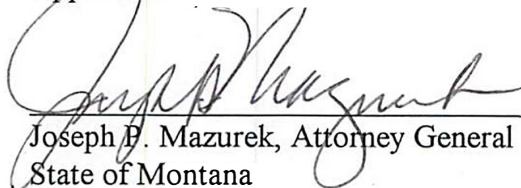
Norma Gourneau, Vice President
Northern Cheyenne Tribe

STATE OF MONTANA



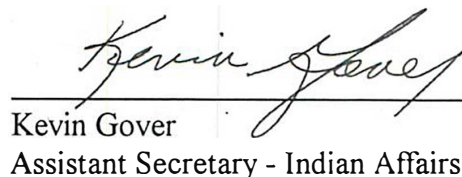
Marc Racicot, Governor
State of Montana

Approved Pursuant to Montana Code Annotated § 18-11-105 (1993).



Joseph P. Mazurek, Attorney General
State of Montana

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR



Kevin Gover
Assistant Secretary - Indian Affairs

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Date