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Honorable Earl J. Barbry, Sr.
Chairman
Tunica-Biloxi Indian Tribe of Louisiana
P.O. Box 331
Marksville, Louisiana 71351

Dear Chairman Barbry:

On November 10, 1999, we received an Amendment to the Compact between the Tunica-Biloxi Tribe of Louisiana (Tribe) and the State of Louisiana (State), dated November 9, 1999, extending the existing Compact until 5:00 p.m. on May 18, 2000, or until a successor compact is agreed upon and becomes effective, whichever occurs first. 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 delegated authority and Section 11 of IGRA, 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 the continuation of their economic venture.

Sincerely,

 Kevin Gover

Assistant Secretary - Indian Affairs

Enclosure

Identical Letter Sent to: Honorable Murphy J. Foster, Jr.
Governor, State of Louisiana
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

cc: Eastern Regional Director w/copy of approved Amendment
National Indian Gaming Commission w/copy of approved Amendment
SE Regional Field Solicitor w/copy of approved Amendment
Louisiana United States Attorney w/copy of approved Amendment

**EXTENSION OF THE
TRIBAL-STATE COMPACT
FOR THE CONDUCT OF CLASS III GAMING
BETWEEN THE
TUNICA-BILOXI INDIAN TRIBE OF LOUISIANA
AND THE STATE OF LOUISIANA**

WHEREAS: in 1988, the Congress of the United States of America enacted the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act, which provided a statutory basis for the operation and regulation of gaming by Indian Tribes; and

WHEREAS: pursuant to the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act, the Tribal-State Compact for the conduct of Class III Gaming Between the **Tunica-Biloxi Indian Tribe of Louisiana** and the **State of Louisiana** was executed and signed by Chairman Earl J. Barbry, Sr., on September 23, 1992 (and as amended on November 6, 1992) and by Governor Edwin W. Edwards on September 8, 1992 (and as amended on November 4, 1992); and became effective upon publishing of approval by the Secretary of the Interior of the United States of America, in the *Federal Register* on November 18, 1992;

WHEREAS: in accordance with the relevant provisions of this Compact, the **State of Louisiana**, through Governor Murphy J. Foster, Jr., has given the **Tunica-Biloxi Indian Tribe of Louisiana** notice of non-renewal of the Compact;

WHEREAS: the **Tunica-Biloxi Indian Tribe of Louisiana** and the **State of Louisiana** mutually desire to negotiate a successor Class III Gaming Compact, without any alteration or interruption in the terms of the existing Compact; and

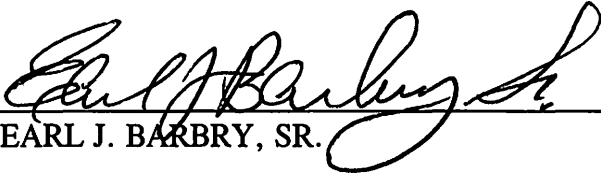
WHEREAS: the **Tunica-Biloxi Indian Tribe of Louisiana** and the **State of Louisiana** desire to extend the existing Tribal-State Compact, which will expire on or about November 18, 1999, for a period of time sufficient to permit the parties a reasonable opportunity to negotiate, agree upon, and put into effect a successor compact;

NOW THEREFORE WE, the **Tunica-Biloxi Indian Tribe of Louisiana** and the **State of Louisiana**, by virtue of the authority vested through the Constitution and laws of the United States of America

and of the State of Louisiana, and of the laws and Resolutions of the Tribal Council of the Tunica-Biloxi Indian Tribe of Louisiana, and in order to preserve and protect the health, safety, and welfare of our people, do hereby extend the existing, and hereinabove described Tribal-State Compact for the conduct of Class III gaming, until 5:00 o'clock P.M. Central Standard Time, on the 18th day of May, 2000, or until a successor compact is agreed upon and becomes effective, whichever occurs first. This agreement is entered into solely for the purpose of extending the existing compact, for the time specified in this agreement, and not for the purpose of renewing the existing compact.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, as duly authorized representatives of the Tunica-Biloxi Indian Tribe of Louisiana and the State of Louisiana, we have hereunto set our hands officially and caused to be affixed the Great Seals of the Tunica-Biloxi Indian Tribe of Louisiana and the State of Louisiana.


TUNICA-BILOXI INDIAN TRIBE OF LOUISIANA



EARL J. BARBRY, SR.
TRIBAL CHAIRMAN

DATE: _____

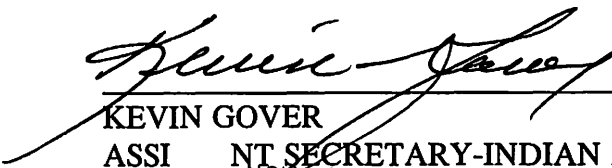
STATE OF LOUISIANA



MURPHY L. FOSTER, JR.
GOVERNOR

DATE: Nov 9, 1999

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA



KEVIN GOVER
ASSISTANT SECRETARY-INDIAN AFFAIRS

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DATE: _____