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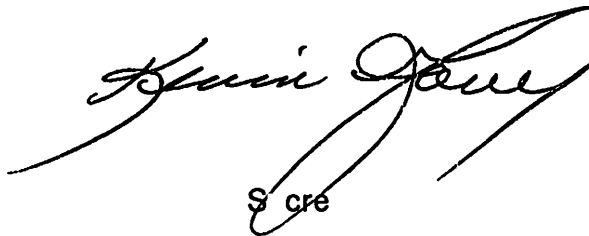
Honorable D. Fred Matt
Chairman
Confederated Salish and Kootenai
Tribes of the Flathead Reservation
P.O. Box 278
Pablo, Montana 59855

Dear Chairman Matt:

On October 19, 2000, we received the Amendment to the Compact (Amendment) between the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes (Tribe) and the State of Montana (State), regarding Class III Gaming on the Flathead Reservation, dated October 17, 2000. 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 their economic venture.

Sincerely,



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Enclosure

Similar Letter Sent to: Honorable Marc Racicot
Governor of Montana
Helena, Montana 59620-0801

**RENEWAL OF AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE CONFEDERATED SALISH AND KOOTENAI TRIBES
AND THE STATE OF MONTANA REGARDING
CLASS III GAMING ON THE FLATHEAD RESERVATION**

RECITALS

Pursuant to the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act, 25 U.S.C. §§ 2701-2721, the State of Montana ("Montana") and the Flathead Tribes ("Tribes") entered into an Agreement ("Agreement") on March 14, 1997, to authorize the conduct of Class III gaming on the Flathead Reservation. The parties have extended the Agreement to November 7, 2000. Montana and the Tribes are engaged in on-going discussions and preparations to negotiate a 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 communities.

The parties hereby agree to temporarily extend the current compact to allow continued Class III gaming on the Reservation pursuant to the existing Agreement while discussions and negotiations continue. The parties acknowledge the Tribes' need for additional revenue to be generated from gaming on the Reservation, and the importance of continued cordial negotiations to achieve that end. The parties commit to continuing good faith negotiations to achieve mutually desirable compact terms to further the intent of IGRA that gaming provide an avenue for tribal economic self-sufficiency. Therefore the parties hereby extend the compact terms as 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 XI(A), "Effective Date and Term," of the existing Agreement, by this writing the parties hereby renew and extend the term of the Agreement to November 10, 2001. Further, the parties agree that the Tribes will, from time to time during the term of this extension, request the State to meet and negotiate proposed changes in the Agreement and Montana 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 November 10, 2001, or until a revised or new compact has been executed by the parties, whichever first occurs.

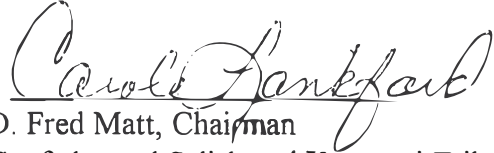
Montana and the Tribes indicate their consent to be bound to this Renewal by signature of their authorized representatives below.

STATE OF MONTANA



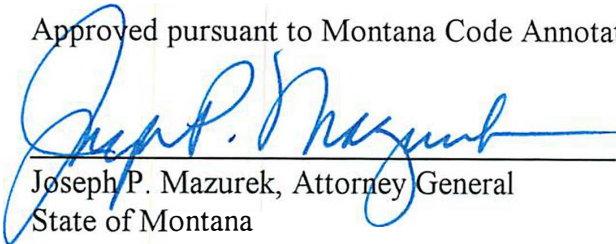
Marc Racicot, Governor
State of Montana

FLATHEAD TRIBES



D. Fred Matt, Chairman
Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes *acty*

Approved pursuant to Montana Code Annotated 18-11-105 (1999)



Joseph P. Mazurek, Attorney General
State of Montana

DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR

BY:



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ASSISTANT SECRETARY - INDIAN AFFAIRS

DATED:

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