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MAY 02 2002

Honorable Geri Small
President
Northern Cheyenne Tribe
P.eO. Box 128e
Lame Deer, Montana 59043e

Dear President Small:

On March 20, 2002, we received the Eighth Renewal of Agreement between the Northern Cheyenne Tribe (Tribe) and the State of Montana (State). We have completed our review of this Amendment and conclude that is does not violate the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act of 1988 (IGRA), Federal law, or our trust responsibility. Therefore, pursuant to my delegated authority and Section 11 of IGRA, we approve the Amendment. This 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,

Assistant Secretary - Indian Affairs

Enclosure

Identical Letter Sent to:

Honorable Judy Martz

Governor of Montana

State Capital

Helena, Montana 59620

EIGHTH 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 seven 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 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 an eighth time on the terms and conditions set forth below.

This Renewal is entered into in furtherance of Montana Governor Judy Martz's

Proclamation 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 May 31, 2002. Further, the parties agree that the Tribe may continue to attempt to 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 May 31, 2002, 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

GERI SMALL, President

STATE OF MONTANA

JUDY MARTZ, Governor

Approved Pursuant to Montana Code Annotated § 18-11-105 (2001).

MIKE McGRATH, Attorney General State of Montana

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APPROVED BY: _______ DATED: MAY 02_, 2002

Assistant Secretary - Indian Affairs