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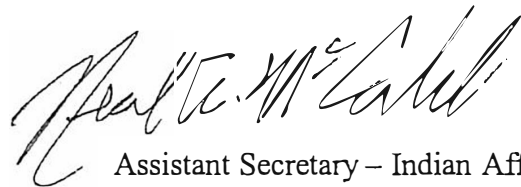
Honorable Arlyn Headdress
Chairman
Assiniboine and Sioux Tribes of
the Fort Peck Reservation
P. O. Box 1027
Poplar, Montana 59255

Dear Chairman Headdress:

On April 16, 2002, we received the Extension to the Class III Compact between the Assiniboine and Sioux Tribes of the Fort Peck Reservation (Tribe) and the State of Montana (State). 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 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

**RENEWAL OF AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE ASSINIBOINE AND SIOUX TRIBES OF THE FORT PECK
RESERVATION AND THE STATE OF MONTANA REGARDING
CLASS III GAMING ON THE FORT PECK RESERVATION**

Recitals

The State of Montana ("Montana") and the Assiniboine and Sioux Tribes of the Fort Peck Reservation ("Tribes") entered into an Agreement ("Agreement") dated April 6, 1992, to authorize under specific conditions Class III gaming on the Fort Peck Reservation. This Agreement expires on April 6, 2002. The Tribes and the State are continuing their good faith negotiations to agree on terms and conditions for another long-term compact. The Tribes are continuing to investigate viable options for expanded Tribal gaming operations to provide needed revenues and jobs to the reservation.

To enable the Tribes and non-tribal gaming operators to continue gaming on the Reservation pursuant to the existing Agreement while the parties continue to negotiate, the parties hereby agree to extend the Agreement for 90 days 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

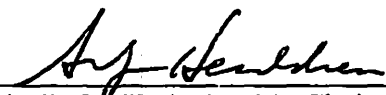
In furtherance of good relations and mutual cooperation between the parties, and in accordance with Article VIII. A., "Effective Date and Term," of the existing Agreement as previously amended, by this writing the parties hereby renew and extend the term of the Agreement to July 6, 2002. All terms and conditions of the Agreement remain in full force and

effect and shall govern the conditions of Class III gaming on the Reservation until July 6, 2002, or until a revised or new compact has been executed by the parties, whichever first occurs.


During this period, the parties agree to continue negotiating in good faith to achieve another long-term compact that furthers the goals of the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act.

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


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ARLYN HEADRESS, Chairman

STATE OF MONTANA

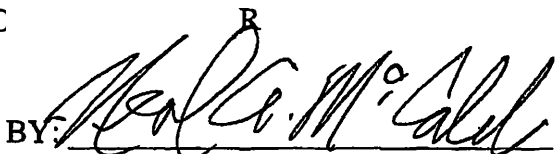

JUDY MARTZ, Governor

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State of Montana

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BY:  DATED: **MAY 29 2002**
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Assistant Secretary - Indian Affairs