

**EXTENSION 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 was extended by letter amendment to July 5, 2002. The Tribes and the State are continuing their good faith negotiations to agree on terms and conditions for another long-term compact.

To enable the Tribes and others 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 approximately 90 days, until September 30, 2002, on the terms and conditions set forth below.

This Renewal is entered into in furtherance of the goals of the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act, 25 U.S.C. § 2701 et seq. and 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 and extended, by this writing the parties hereby renew and extend the term of the Agreement to September 30, 2002. All other 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 September 30, 2002, 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 Extension by signature of their authorized representatives below.

ASSINIBOINE AND SIOUX TRIBES OF THE FORT PECK RESERVATION




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STATE OF MONTANA



JUDY MARTZ, Governor


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



MIKE McGRATH, Attorney General
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APPROVED:

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

BY:  DATED: JUL 30 2002, 2002

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