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A JOINT RESOLUTION

APPROVING TRIBAL-STATE CLASS III GAMING COMPACTS BETWEEN THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO AND THE NAVAJO NATION, THE JICARILLA APACHE NATION, THE MESCALERO APACHE TRIBE, THE PUEBLO OF ACOMA AND THE PUEBLO OF JEMEZ.

WHEREAS, the Compact Negotiation Act authorizes the governor to negotiate the terms of compacts between the state and Indian nations, tribes and pueblos located in New Mexico for the conduct of class III gaming pursuant to the federal Indian Gaming Regulatory Act; and

WHEREAS, in 2001, a negotiated compact for class III gaming was approved by the legislature and by the United States department of the interior and was subsequently entered into by the governor on behalf of the state and by the Navajo Nation, the Jicarilla Apache Nation, the Mescalero Apache Tribe and the Pueblo of Acoma; and

WHEREAS, that 2001 compact expires on June 30, 2015; and

WHEREAS, the Navajo Nation, the Jicarilla Apache Nation, the Mescalero Apache Tribe and the Pueblo of Acoma desire to continue their gaming operations in New Mexico and the Pueblo of Jemez desires to enter into a gaming compact with the state of New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, the Compact Negotiation Act provides for legislative involvement in the negotiation process through

1 the deliberations of the legislative committee on compacts
2 and by requiring the approval, through a joint resolution, of
3 a compact or amendments to a compact by a majority vote of
4 both houses of the legislature before the compact or
5 amendments may be executed by the governor; and

6 WHEREAS, Governor Susana Martinez on February 17, 2015
7 submitted to the legislative committee on compacts a proposed
8 compact negotiated between her office and the Navajo Nation,
9 the Jicarilla Apache Nation, the Mescalero Apache Tribe, the
10 Pueblo of Acoma and the Pueblo of Jemez; and

11 WHEREAS, the legislative committee on compacts reviewed
12 and considered the proposal during the course of two
13 meetings, and on February 28, 2015 voted to submit to the
14 legislature a joint resolution approving the proposed
15 compacts with a recommendation that the proposed compacts be
16 approved; and

17 WHEREAS, the office of the governor; representatives of
18 the Navajo Nation, the Jicarilla Apache Nation, the Mescalero
19 Apache Tribe, the Pueblo of Acoma and the Pueblo of Jemez;
20 and the legislative committee on compacts agreed at the
21 committee's February 28, 2015 meeting to correct certain
22 technical errors in the text and format of the proposed
23 compact without formally reopening negotiations; and

24 WHEREAS, those corrections have been made and are
25 included in the compact attached hereto; and

1 WHEREAS, the Compact Negotiation Act allows the
2 legislature to approve more than one compact in a single
3 resolution if the terms of the compacts are identical, except
4 for the names of the tribes and the persons executing the
5 compacts; and

6 WHEREAS, the Compact Negotiation Act requires the
7 governor to execute additional compacts identical to one
8 negotiated and approved by the legislature under the act
9 without submitting the additional, identical compacts for
10 legislative approval; and

11 WHEREAS, the legislative committee on compacts hereby
12 submits to the legislature proposed class III gaming compacts
13 negotiated between the governor and the Navajo Nation, the
14 Jicarilla Apache Nation, the Mescalero Apache Tribe, the
15 Pueblo of Acoma and the Pueblo of Jemez with its
16 recommendation that the proposed compacts be approved;

17 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
18 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the proposed class III gaming
19 compacts between the state and the Navajo Nation, the
20 Jicarilla Apache Nation, the Mescalero Apache Tribe, the
21 Pueblo of Acoma and the Pueblo of Jemez attached hereto with
22 the technical corrections to the text and format as noted in
23 this joint resolution, and negotiated, agreed to and submitted
24 to the legislative committee on compacts on February 17, 2015,
25 be approved. _____