

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION

2 APPROVING THE NEGOTIATED AMENDMENTS TO EXISTING TRIBAL-STATE
3 CLASS III GAMING COMPACTS TO BE ENTERED INTO BY THE GOVERNOR
4 OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO AND THE PUEBLOS OF ISLETA, LAGUNA,
5 SANDIA, SAN FELIPE, SANTA ANA, SANTA CLARA, TAOS AND TESUQUE
6 AND WITH OHKAY OWINGEH AND THE JICARILLA APACHE NATION.

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8 WHEREAS, the Compact Negotiation Act authorizes the
9 governor to negotiate the terms of compacts between the state
10 and Indian nations, tribes and pueblos located in New Mexico,
11 referred to as "tribes" herein, for the conduct of class III
12 gaming pursuant to the federal Indian Gaming Regulatory Act;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, in 2001, a negotiated compact for class III
15 gaming was approved by the legislature and by the United
16 States department of the interior, and was entered into by
17 the governor on behalf of the state with each of the gaming
18 tribes in New Mexico; and

19 WHEREAS, the Compact Negotiation Act provides for
20 legislative involvement in the negotiation process through
21 the deliberations of the legislative committee on compacts
22 and by requiring the approval of amendments to a compact by a
23 majority vote of both houses of the legislature on a joint
24 resolution approving the amendments before the amendments may
25 be executed by the governor; and

1 WHEREAS, Governor Bill Richardson on January 26, 2007
2 submitted to the legislative committee on compacts proposed
3 amendments to the compact adopted in 2001, including an
4 appendix to the 2001 compacts that clarified certain issues,
5 that were negotiated on behalf of the state with eleven
6 tribes who requested negotiations pursuant to the Compact
7 Negotiation Act; and

8 WHEREAS, the legislative committee on compacts reviewed
9 the proposed amendments to the compacts from ten tribes and
10 requested the governor to resume negotiations with the tribes
11 to consider one amendment; and

12 WHEREAS, the amendment was rejected; however, additional
13 amendments were negotiated by the tribes and the governor,
14 and all amendments were approved by the legislative committee
15 on compacts on March 7, 2007; and

16 WHEREAS, the Compact Negotiation Act allows the
17 legislature to approve more than one tribe's compact or
18 amendments in a single resolution if the terms of the
19 compacts or amendments are identical, except for the names of
20 the tribes and the persons executing the proposed amendments
21 to the compacts; and

22 WHEREAS, the Compact Negotiation Act allows the governor
23 to execute additional amendments identical to those approved
24 pursuant to that act without submitting the identical
25 amendments for legislative approval; and

1 WHEREAS, the legislative committee on compacts has
2 reviewed and considered the proposed amendments negotiated
3 and agreed upon by the governor and the Pueblos of Isleta,
4 Laguna, Sandia, San Felipe, Santa Ana, Santa Clara, Taos and
5 Tesuque, Ohkay Owingeh and the Jicarilla Apache Nation and,
6 based upon those deliberations and pursuant to the Compact
7 Negotiation Act, hereby submits those proposed amendments to
8 the class III gaming compact approved by the legislature in
9 2001 with its recommendation that the amendments be approved
10 by the full legislature;

11 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
12 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the proposed amendments to the 2001
13 class III tribal-state gaming compacts, attached hereto,
14 submitted to the legislative committee on compacts on January
15 26, 2007, as further amended and submitted on March 5, 2007,
16 negotiated and agreed to by the state and the Pueblos of
17 Isleta, Laguna, Sandia, San Felipe, Santa Ana, Santa Clara,
18 Taos and Tesuque, Ohkay Owingeh and the Jicarilla Apache
19 Nation, be hereby approved. _____

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