



Inter-Tribal Council Inc.

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A Resolution in Opposition to Governor Stitt's Attempt to Repudiate the Gaming Compacts

WHEREAS, the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma, the Miami Tribe of Oklahoma, the Modoc Nation, the Ottawa Tribe of Oklahoma, the Peoria Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma, the Seneca-Cayuga Nation, the Shawnee Tribe, the Quapaw Nation and the Wyandotte Nation are members of the Inter-Tribal Council, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, the member Tribes of Inter-Tribal Council, Inc. are all signatories to the Model Tribal Gaming Compact, the State's offered terms of which are codified at 3A.O.S. Section 281, as those terms have been approved by the Secretary of Interior and supplemented from time to time, (hereinafter the "Compact"); and

WHEREAS, as to the State, the Compact was approved by a vote of the citizens of the State of Oklahoma on November 4, 2004; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Executive Officer for the State of Oklahoma, Governor Kevin Stitt, issued a letter dated July 5, 2019 declaring his repudiation of the Compact and proposing the Tribes negotiate a new Class III gaming compact out of whole cloth; and

WHEREAS, Governor Stitt's repudiation of the Compact, if implemented, would violate the Compact's express terms authorizing parties' rights to request renegotiation of only select provisions, i.e., subsections A and E of Part 11; and

WHEREAS, the member Tribes of Inter-Tribal Council, Inc. have expended significant capital contributions within the State of Oklahoma, most importantly in rural areas, that would otherwise be non-existent without gaming tribes in Oklahoma; and

WHEREAS, Governor Stitt has made no proposal of any terms or otherwise proposed a framework for any renegotiation of terms; and

WHEREAS, the current Compacts, as negotiated and approved by the Secretary of Interior and upon which the State of Oklahoma, the Tribes, and Tribal business partners have relied, represent a continuing and mutually beneficial partnership between the State of Oklahoma and Tribes, which create competition and diversity in the Oklahoma economy, creates jobs and contributes to the wealth, health and prosperity of Oklahomans; and

WHEREAS, notwithstanding Governor Stitt's declaration, it is the position of the Inter-Tribal Council, Inc. that the Compact will automatically renew on January 1, 2020, barring any attempted bad faith interference arising from Governor Stitt's declarations.

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Quapaw • Seneca-Cayuga • Shawnee • Wyandotte


NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED THAT, the Inter-Tribal Council, Inc. does hereby memorialize our intent to reject the State's attempt to unlawfully and unilaterally terminate the Compact.

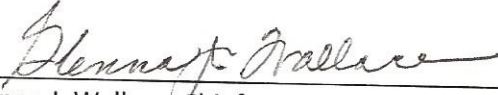
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the Inter-Tribal Council, Inc. supports the continued exclusivity fee structure and amounts outlined in the Compact.


BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the Inter-Tribal Council, Inc. rejects the State of Oklahoma's request to negotiate an entirely new Class III compact, as the current Compact represents a carefully negotiated and balanced approach between and among the respective sovereign Tribes and the State of Oklahoma.

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution was adopted by the Inter-Tribal Council, Inc. meeting in Miami, Oklahoma on this 17th day of July, 2019, by a vote of 9 for, 0 against and 0 abstentions.

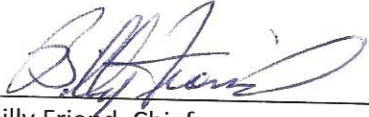

Ethel E. Cook, Chief
Ottawa Tribe of Oklahoma

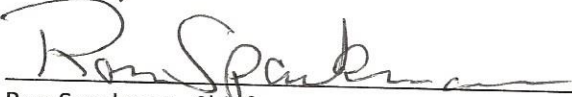

Glenna J. Wallace, Chief
Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma



For Douglas Lankford, Chief
Miami Tribe of Oklahoma

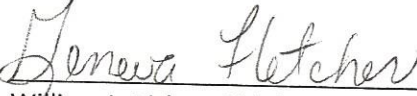

Bill Follis, Chief
Modoc Nation


Craig Harper, Chief
Peoria Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma


Billy Friend, Chief
Wyandotte Nation


Ron Sparkman, Chief
Shawnee Tribe


John Berrey, Chairman
Quapaw Nation


for William L. Fisher, Chief
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