

Model Tribal Resolution for a Smokefree Casino or Gaming Facility Workplace

Resolution # _____

Title: Smokefree Workplaces to Protect Tribal Citizens from the Dangers of Secondhand Smoke

WHEREAS, the _____ [name of tribe], is an Indian tribe as defined in Section 4 of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act, Pub. L. 93-638, 25 U.S.C. 450b; and

WHEREAS, the _____ [name of tribe] hereby finds the cultural, spiritual, and ceremonial use of traditional tobacco is an integral part of traditional, native life; and

WHEREAS, the _____ [name of tribe] fundamental traditional and ceremonial use of traditional tobacco shall not be restricted; and

WHEREAS, American Indian people have the highest rate of commercial tobacco use in the Nation; and

WHEREAS, commercial tobacco use is the leading cause of preventable death and disease and American Indian people suffer serious health consequences including heart disease and cancer; and

WHEREAS, secondhand commercial tobacco smoke exposure is another leading cause of preventable death and causes disease in healthy nonsmokers, including heart disease, stroke, respiratory disease, and cancer; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined by the U.S. Surgeon General that there is no safe level of exposure to secondhand smoke, that air-ventilation systems do not work, plus electronic cigarettes produce a vapor of undetermined and potentially harmful substances, and that only completely 100% smokefree environments can protect health; and

WHEREAS, a significant amount of secondhand smoke exposure for American Indian adults and children occurs in the workplace and even short exposures may result in serious adverse health effects and even death; and

WHEREAS, smokefree workplace laws protect people from secondhand smoke, reduce commercial tobacco use overall, support healthy lifestyles, model healthy behavior, and support quit attempts; and

WHEREAS, the health of our people is of upmost importance and American Indians have taken a lead in addressing health issues throughout the years; and

WHEREAS, commercial tobacco smokefree workplaces will protect the health of our children, grandchildren, families, and community members.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the _____ [name of tribe] supports adoption of a comprehensive commercial tobacco smokefree workplace policy, without exception and to include casinos and gaming enterprises, to protect American Indian people from the known dangers of secondhand smoke.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the above resolution was duly adopted at a regular meeting of the Association on this ____ day of _____, [year], at which a quorum was present, with a vote of __ for, __ against, __ abstentions, and __ absent.

[Name], President Date

ATTEST: _____

[Name], Tribal Administrator Date

