

**THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF
SANTA FE COUNTY**

RESOLUTION NO. 2014- 33

**A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF ALLOWING TRIBAL GOVERNMENTS TO
ALLOCATE A PORTION OF REVENUE SHARING CONTRIBUTIONS TO
LOCAL GOVERNMENT WITHIN STATE OF NEW MEXICO GAMING
COMPACTS FOR THE PURPOSE OF ASSISTING LOCAL GOVERNMENTS
TO PROVIDE SERVICES TO TRIBAL GOVERNMENTS AND COMMUNITIES
WITHIN WHICH AN INDIAN CASINO IS LOCATED**

WHEREAS, current negotiations between tribal governments and the State of New Mexico (the State) are underway for the purpose of formulating gaming compacts related to the operation of casinos in the State;

WHEREAS, individual tribal governments negotiate individual gaming compacts with the State in order to provide for the distinct needs of the tribal government under whose authority a casino is allowed to exist;

WHEREAS, a tribal government may desire to include within the Revenue Sharing Agreement associated with a specific gaming compact a provision committing a portion of the revenue sharing contribution which is normally provided to the State in its entirety, to a local government within whose jurisdiction the Indian casino is located;

WHEREAS, as a result of building and operating a casino a population center is created and therefore the need for local government services is intensified;

WHEREAS, the local government services which must be increased in response to the creation of a casino include emergency response services, utility services, installation and maintenance of transportation infrastructure, and administrative support associated with the previously mentioned services;

WHEREAS, when a casino is created a tribal government may, by cooperating with a local government, provide necessary public services in a manner that does not cause a duplication of services and follows responsible spending practices;

WHEREAS, committing a portion of revenue sharing funds to a local government would allow for a direct benefit to the residents of the community of which the gaming establishment, the gaming establishment employees, the gaming establishment patrons, and tribal citizens are a part;

WHEREAS, one of the reasons that Indian gaming is allowed is to provide a means for tribal self-determination and revenue generated by the operation of a gaming establishment enables tribal self-determination;

WHEREAS, Santa Fe County has partnered with tribal governments to coordinate a variety of public services including law enforcement, fire and emergency response services, solid waste and animal control services;

WHEREAS, Santa Fe County supports the self-governing authority provided to tribal governments by the United States Congress and supports recognition of tribal governments' authority to negotiate state gaming compacts which dedicate a portion of the revenue sharing contribution to local governments;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners of Santa Fe County hereby supports granting tribal governments the authority to negotiate the dedication of a portion of the revenue sharing contribution to local governments within the vicinity of a casino, for the purpose of assisting local governments to provide services to tribal governments and communities.

PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED this 29th day of April 2014

SANTA FE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Daniel W. Mayfield
Daniel W. Mayfield, Chair

Attest:

Geraldine Salazar
Geraldine Salazar, Santa Fe County Clerk 4-29-2014



Approved As To Form:

Rachel Brown
Rachel Brown, Acting County Attorney



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Deputy Marcello [Signature])
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Geraldine Salazar
County Clerk, Santa Fe, NM

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