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Resolution to Support 100 Percent Smoke-Free Gaming Venues

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WHEREAS secondhand smoke is classified as a class A carcinogen by the United States Environmental Protection Agency; and,

WHEREAS in many states, gaming venues (including but not limited to, casinos, racetracks, racinos, simulcast facilities, bars and bingo halls) are smoking-permitted, thereby exposing workers and patrons to secondhand smoke, which can lead to serious health effects; and,

WHEREAS gaming industry workers, gaming patrons, and the gaming industry can benefit from 100 percent smoke-free gaming facilities;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the NCLGS supports efforts of advocates to educate state legislators on the need for smoke-free gaming venues, to protect worker and patron health; and

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED that NCLGS supports state legislators' efforts—to protect worker and patron health—to

- encourage 100 percent smoke-free gaming venues
- encourage negotiations with sovereign tribal nations to create 100 percent smoke-free gaming facilities
- encourage negotiations in support of provisions for 100 percent smoke-free gaming venues within tribal-state compact agreements and for renewals and extensions of such compact agreements

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that NCLGS supports

- encouragement by appropriate regulatory entities (state gaming commissions, gaming control boards) for 100 percent smoke-free gaming facilities as a prerequisite for issuing/renewing licenses

BE IT LASTLY RESOLVED that the NCLGS will distribute this resolution to state and federal legislative leaders, as well as to appropriate gaming regulatory agencies within the states, and will continue to work with interested parties to meet the resolution's objectives.