

R-167-06

Board of Commissioners
County of Cass

**A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF STRONGER ENFORCEMENT OF
MICHIGAN'S CASINO GAMING COMPACTS**

WHEREAS, according to a May 7th *Detroit News* Article the state has lost approximately \$300 million in revenue sharing from Michigan's tribal compact agreements since 1999; and

WHEREAS, during the same time period statutory revenue sharing to locals has been cut by over \$2 billion, PILT payments to communities have been frozen, the remonumentation fund has been raided and local public health programs have been cut; and

WHEREAS, many of the tribal compact agreements provide for 2% of slot machine revenue to be shared locally, however some tribes dedicate their 2% payment to charities of their own choosing, circumventing the obligation to share with local units of government; and

WHEREAS, at a time when state budget cuts have reached historic proportions and no source of revenue should be simply "left on the table"; and

WHEREAS, the recent elimination of the state's Single Business Tax, and the potential voter approval of the K-16 spending mandate add great uncertainty to the state's budget; and

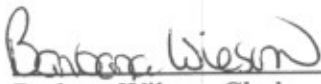
WHEREAS, Michigan's counties are scheduled to gradually come back into the revenue sharing formula beginning with the 2007 budget cycle, fulfilling the 2004 agreement between the Governor and the Michigan Association of Counties,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Cass County Board of Commissioners urges the Governor and Legislature to provide for more stringent enforcement of the state's tribal compact agreements for the benefit of state and local community budgets; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be forwarded to Governor Jennifer Granholm, Senator Ron Jelinik, Representatives Rick Shaffer and Neil Nitz and the Michigan Association of Counties.

ADOPTED THIS 16th DAY OF November, 2006.

ATTEST:



Barbara Wilson, Clerk
COUNTY OF CASS



Robert Wagel, Chairperson
CASS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS