

# TUSCOLA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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TO: Governor Jennifer Granholm  
State Representative Tom Meyer  
State Representative Elect Terry Brown  
State Senator Jim Barcia  
Oceana County Board of Commissioners  
Michigan Association of Counties



FROM: Tuscola County Board of Commissioners

DATE: December 4, 2006

RE: **Support of Oceana County's Resolution Supporting Stronger  
Enforcement of Michigan's Casino Gaming Compacts**

Please find enclosed a resolution adopted by the Oceana County Board of Commissioners. This resolution urges Governor Granholm and the State Legislature to provide stronger enforcement of the State's tribal compact agreements for the benefit of State and local community budgets.

The Tuscola County Board of Commissioners supported this resolution at its regular Board Meeting held on November 28, 2006.

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

Moved by Mr. Simon and seconded by Ms. Kolbe to adopt the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, according to a May 7, 2006 Detroit News article, the State of Michigan 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 payments to local units of government have been reduced 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% of slot machine revenue to charities of their own choosing which circumvents 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 stability of the State's budgets for FY 2006 and beyond; and

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

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That the Oceana County Board of Commissioners urges Governor Granholm and the State Legislature to provide for more stringent enforcement of the State's tribal compact agreements for the benefit of State and local community budgets.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That certified copies of this Resolution be forwarded to Governor Jennifer Granholm, Senator Gerald Van Woerkom, Representative Goeff Hansen, Michigan Association of Counties and the other 82 Michigan counties.

Roll call vote: Simon, yes; Kolbe, yes; Brown, yes; Malburg, yes; Byl, yes; Merten, yes; and, Van Sickle, yes. Motion carried.