

STATE OF MICHIGAN COUNTY OF NEWAYGO BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

At a regular session of the said Board held in the City of White Cloud, in said County, on the 8th day of November, 2006, the following Resolution was adopted:

RESOLUTION #11-042-06 SUPPORTING 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, 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.

Therefore, Be it Resolved, that the Newaygo 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, Representative Goeff Hansen, Senator Gerald VanWoerkom, and Michigan Association of Counties.

Motion by:	Finance Committee		Supported by: Fulton to adopt the foregoing Resolution.	
The Ayes being:	Fult	on, Gardner	r, Maike, Nieboer, Powell, Sanders, Wright	
Nays: 0	Absent:	0		
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			James F. Maike, Jr., Chairman Newaygo County Board of Commissioners	

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I, Laurel J. Breuker, County Clerk, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a Resolution adopted by the Newaygo County Board of Commissioners at a regular session held on the 8th day of November, 2006.

Laurel J. Breuker Newaygo County Clerk