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**Great Plains Indian Gaming Association
Resolution Number 30**

Regarding the Great Plains Indian Gaming Association's Opposition to H.R. 2176 and H.R. 3048
(Off-Reservation Gaming)

WHEREAS, The Great Plains Indian gaming Association which is comprised of thirty-two federally recognized Tribes. Tribal Nations located in the states of North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, Iowa, and Kansas.

WHEREAS, The Great Plains Indian Gaming Association exists to assist our member Tribal Nations in furthering common economic goals.

WHEREAS, Tribal Gaming has become a critical factor in the economic stability of our Great Plains Tribal Nations.

WHEREAS, To date the Great Plains Tribal Gaming industry has provided over 7,000 fulltime on- reservations jobs, with nearly 70% being enrolled Tribal Members.

WHEREAS, The House Resource Committee has scheduled a markup on H.R. 2176 and H.R. 4115.

WHEREAS, There has not been a hearing on these bills since the Jack Abramoff scandal

WHEREAS, These bills authorize the largest expansions of off-reservation gaming in history.

WHEREAS, The proposed casinos are located over 350 miles from the two tribe's reservations and the tribes have no ancestral ties to the lands

WHEREAS, The bills are premised on a purported land claim that has already been rejected by Michigan's courts and denied review by the U.S. Supreme Court

WHEREAS, The two proposed off-reservation Casinos are in the ancestral lands of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, The Tribal Member Nations of the Great Plains Indian Gaming Association hereby declare and unanimously support the opposition to H.R. 2176 and H.R. 3048.

CERTIFICATION

AS Chairman of the Great Plains Indian Gaming Association, hereby certify the foregoing resolution was duly passed at a meeting of the Great Pains Indian Gaming Association, at which a quorum was present, held on November 28, 2007 in New Town, North Dakota, with a vote of 18 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstaining.



Myra Pearson
Chairman
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