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PUEBLO OF LAGUNA Resolution No. 111-12

Re: Establishing Service of Process Rules for Claims Brought Under the Class III Gaming Compact

At a duly called meeting of the Pueblo of Laguna Council ("Council") held on the 15th day of <u>December</u>, 2012, the following resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS, the Council is the governing body of the Pueblo of Laguna ("Pueblo"), a sovereign nation and a federally recognized Indian tribe; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article V(3) and Article IV(2)(e) of the Constitution, the Council is specifically empowered to adopt ordinances setting out procedures for the Pueblo Courts; and

WHEREAS, the Pueblo of Laguna entered into a Tribal State Class III Gaming Compact ("Compact") with the State of New Mexico which allowed Class III gaming on the Pueblo, but also required that the Pueblo waive its sovereign immunity from suit for claims brought by patrons to the gaming facilities; and.

WHEREAS, section 8(A) of the Compact provides that certain cases falling within the limited waiver of sovereign immunity may be brought in State court;

WHEREAS, these claims are filed against Laguna Development Corporation which has contracted counsel and corporate officers that are prepared to respond to the lawsuits; and

WHEREAS, there is some confusion as to the proper manner in which to serve LDC for claims brought under the Compact; and

WHEREAS, clarifying and establishing the proper manner of serving process for claims brought under the Compact will assist Laguna Development Corporation respond to the claims quickly with less attorney time spent on procedural issues.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the following rule regarding service of process for claims brought against the Pueblo's Gaming Enterprise (Laguna Development Corporation) under the Compact shall apply and be incorporated as Section G, Rule 4 of the Rules of Civil Procedure:

G. <u>Service of Process for Claims Brought Against The Pueblo's Gaming Enterprise</u> <u>Pursuant to the Gaming Compact</u>

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> Corporation) pursuant to claims brought under the Tribal State Class III Gaming Compact New Mexico-Pueblo of Laguna may be served in conformance with the service of process rules governing the New Mexico court within which the case has been filed.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this rule shall take effect immediately upon its adoption by Council.

Governor Councilmember

Councilmember

ATTEST: phine L. Cochran Pueblo Secretary

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution was enacted by the Pueblo of Laguna Council on the 15^{th} day of <u>prembur</u>, 2012, by a vote of <u>19</u> for, <u>0</u> opposed, at a duly called meeting at which a quorum of the Pueblo of Laguna Council was present.

Governor

ATTEST:

Help Pueblo/Secretary