



# STATE OF MINNESOTA

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## **Re: Report to the Legislature on the Status of Indian Gaming in 2022**

Dear Chair Klein and Chair Stephenson:

This report is submitted in accordance with Minnesota Statutes, section 3.9221, subdivision 5, which provides:

The governor, the attorney general, and the governor's designated representatives shall report to the house of representatives and senate committees having jurisdiction over gambling regulation annually. This report shall contain information on compacts negotiated, and an outline of prospective negotiations.

Minnesota Statutes, section 3.9221, subdivision 2, also specifies:

If the governor appoints designees to negotiate under this subdivision, the designees must include at least two members of the senate and two members of the house of representatives, two of whom must be the chairs of the senate and house of representatives standing committees with the jurisdiction over gambling policy.

There have been no requests to negotiate new compacts or renegotiate existing compacts pursuant to the federal Indian Gaming Regulatory Act during 2022. Thus, there is nothing to report regarding the negotiation of compacts, or an outline of prospective negotiations.

The Minnesota Department of Public Safety's Alcohol and Gambling Enforcement Division ("AGED") has executed five technical amendments to tribal state gaming compacts this year:

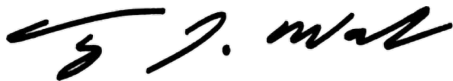
AGED executed two technical amendments with the Prairie Island Indian Community and the Bois Forte Band of Chippewa. These amendments revise staffing and surveillance standards

for table games and allow for the placing of side bets in the game of Blackjack. These amendments also allow the tribes to set rules governing the placing of side bets.

AGED executed two technical amendments with the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community and the White Earth Band of Chippewa regarding the minimum probability standard for maximum payout and payout levels for various games. For video games, the amendment changes the minimum probability for maximum payout from 1 in 17,000,000 (one in seventeen million) to 1 in 100,000,000 (one in one hundred million).

AGED also executed a technical amendment with the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community regarding cashless wagering beyond the currently authorized ticketing technology. The update reflects new technological developments.

Sincerely,



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Governor



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