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Re: Report to the Legislature on the Status of Indian Gaming in 2023

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 2023. 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 four technical amendments to tribal state gaming compacts this year. Additionally, the Governor executed an addendum to a tribal state gaming compact.

AGED executed two technical amendments with the Lower Sioux Indian Community. The first amendment (Blackjack Amendment) incorporates two previous amendments from 2002 and 2020. The Blackjack Amendment allows for the placing of side bets. It also allows the tribe to set

rules governing the placement of side bets. The second amendment (Video Game Amendment) incorporates six previous amendments from 1990, 2002, 2003, 2003, 2010, and 2015. The Video Game Amendment defines minimum payouts, odds, minimum media storage requirements, provisions for ticket management. It also adopts minimum internal control standards and software requirements.

AGED executed a technical amendment with the Leech Lake Band of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe. This amendment allows for the placing of side bets in the game of Blackjack. It also allows the tribes to set rules governing the placing of side bets.

AGED also executed a technical amendment with the Mille Lacs Band of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe. This amendment revises the rules governing side bets in the game of Blackjack.

The Governor executed an addendum with the Prairie Island Indian Community. This addendum allows for the Community to develop rules regarding staffing and surveillance standards, wagering limits, and cash management for Class III Card Games excluding Blackjack.

Sincerely,



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