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***Via email***

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**Re: Report to the Legislature on the Status of Indian Gaming in 2024**

Dear Chair Klein, Co-Chair Her and Co-Chair O'Driscoll:

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 renegotiate existing compacts pursuant to the federal Indian Gaming Regulatory Act ("IGRA") during 2024. The Fond du Lac Band requested to negotiate a new compact governing sports betting, however, since sports betting is not legal in Minnesota, the Governor

lacks authority under IGRA to negotiate this compact. 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 two technical amendments to tribal state gaming compacts this year. Additionally, the Governor executed seven addenda to a tribal state gaming compact.

AGED executed a technical amendment with the Upper Sioux Indian Community. The amendment defines minimum payouts and odds for various video games of chance.

AGED executed a technical amendment with the Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa. 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.

The Governor executed an addendum with the Bois Forte Band of Chippewa. This addendum allows for the Band to develop rules regarding staffing and surveillance standards, wagering limits, and cash management for Class III Card Games excluding Blackjack.

The Governor executed an addendum with the Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa. This addendum allows for the Band to develop rules regarding staffing and surveillance standards, wagering limits, and cash management for Class III Card Games excluding Blackjack.

The Governor executed an addendum with the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe. This addendum allows for the Band to develop rules regarding staffing and surveillance standards, wagering limits, and cash management for Class III Card Games excluding Blackjack.

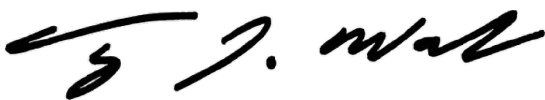
The Governor executed an addendum with the Prairie Island Indian Community. This addendum allows for the Community to develop rules regarding staffing and surveillance standards, wagering limits, and cash management for Class III Card Games excluding Blackjack.

The Governor executed an addendum with the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux 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.

The Governor executed an addendum with the Upper Sioux 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.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tim Walz".

Tim Walz  
Governor

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Keith Ellison".

Keith Ellison  
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