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Mr. Jeffrey Cartmell Deputy Director and Counsel Gaming Compliance Unit Office of Management and Enterprise Services 2300 N. Lincoln Blvd., Room 122 Oklahoma City, OK 73105

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RE:

Notice of Intent to Engage in Internet Gaming Pursuant to the Authority Granted Under the Tribal-State Gaming Compact Approved June 1, 2005 Between the Iowa Tribe of Oklahoma and the State of Oklahoma

Dear Mr. Cartmell:

I am Chairman of the Iowa Tribe of Oklahoma, a federally-recognized Indian tribe, which currently operates gaming facilities pursuant to a Class III Gaming Compact with the State of Oklahoma ("Compact"). In that capacity, and on behalf of the Iowa Tribe, I am providing the Governor of the State of Oklahoma with notice of the Tribe's intent to begin operation of an internet gaming site pursuant to the terms and conditions of the Compact and all applicable federal laws. While it is the Iowa Tribe's position that the State of Oklahoma has previously conceded a Tribe's right to conduct internet gaming on tribal lands under the Compact when certain conditions are met, the Tribe is providing this notice to the State in an effort to expeditiously resolve any issue the state may have with the Tribe's operation of the internet gaming site.

The Iowa Tribe asserts that the all forms of internet and/or electronic gaming by individual players which are not physically present at all times in a facility located entirely on Indian lands, as defined by IGRA which constitutes the conduct of a covered game, as that term is defined in Part 3.5 of the Compact, is permissible as long as such gaming does not otherwise violate state federal or international law. Thus, the Iowa Tribe's position is that such gaming is permissible under the Compact if the individual player is not a citizen of Oklahoma and/or the United States and located or resides outside the boundary of the State of Oklahoma and/or the United States and its territories during the entirety of a gaming transaction. The operation of internet gaming under the Compact will at all times be in conformity with applicable state, federal and international laws.

The Iowa Tribe has acquired software in compliance with the conduct of "covered gaming" under the Compact and is implementing its technical standards to support Internet gaming as provided under the Compact. The Tribe reasonably anticipates that such software and technical standards will become operational on November 12, 2015. The Tribe would intend to launch its internet gaming operations immediately thereafter.

Part 12 of the Compact provides that either party may refer to arbitration any "dispute over the proper interpretation of the terms and conditions of this Compact." The Iowa Tribe is prepared to meet with the State of Oklahoma at any time to discuss further the internet gaming program it



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will be implementing. Should Oklahoma assert the Tribe's program is not in compliance, the Tribe would request that the parties immediately submit any dispute to arbitration for resolution.

On behalf of the Iowa Tribe, I look forward to discussing this program with the State. If you have any questions or would like to discuss any matter set forth herein, please contact me or the Iowa Tribe's attorney, David McCullough.

Sincerely,

Bobby Walkup Chairman

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