

RESOLUTION NO. 4156

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOLEDAD IN
SUPPORT OF THE NEW STATE REVENUE GAMING AGREEMENTS**

WHEREAS, California continues to face chronic budget deficits, and the state struggles to adequately fund our schools, public safety, traffic congestion relief, healthcare and other services; and

WHEREAS, Governor Schwarzenegger negotiated, and bi-partisan majorities of the legislature recently approved, new Indian gaming agreements with four tribes that have casino facilities on remote tribal lands in Riverside and San Diego counties; and

WHEREAS, the increased payment will give our state hundreds of millions of dollars per year, totaling \$9 billion over the next two decades; and

WHEREAS, the increased payments will increase the General Fund revenues that benefit local government programs and services, and will help relieve pressure for state budgetary cuts that impact cities, counties and special districts; and

WHEREAS, these agreements require increased cooperation and coordination with local governments. The tribes must negotiate and enter into enforceable written mitigation agreements with the county and any impacted city that include reasonable compensation from tribes to cities and counties for law enforcement, fire protection, emergency medical services and any other public services to be provided by the county and any impacted city to the tribe as a result of new gaming- related projects; and

WHEREAS, the tribe shall also provide for timely mitigation of any significant effect on the off reservation environment including aesthetics, air quality, biological resources, geology and soils, hazards and hazardous materials, water resources, land use, mineral resources, traffic, noise, utilities and service systems; and

WHEREAS, under the new agreements, the four tribes must meet or exceed federal and state environmental standards for new development, and allow for enhanced local government participation and review of environmental impacts; and

WHEREAS, the new gaming agreements ensure that the tribes will comply with environmental review provisions that mirror the California Environmental Quality Act, through Tribal Environmental Impact Reports (TEIR); and

WHEREAS, special interest are bankrolling an effort to repeal the new agreements jeopardizing hundreds of millions of dollars in new funds for local governments.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Soledad that the Council **supports the new Indian gaming agreements.**

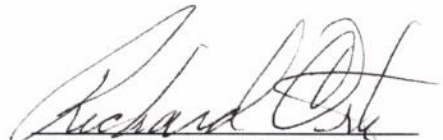
PASSED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Soledad duly held on the 16th day of January 2008 by the following vote:

AYES, and in favor thereof, Councilmembers: Martha Camacho, Patricia Stephens, Juan Saavedra, Mayor Pro Tem Christopher Bourke, Mayor Richard Ortiz


NOES, Councilmembers: None

ABSENT, Councilmembers: None

ABSTAIN, Councilmembers: None


RICHARD V. ORTIZ, Mayor

ATTEST:


NOELIA F. CHAPA, City Clerk