



RESOLUTION



Resolution No. R07-2020-1351

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF DIRECTING EXCESS GAMING FUNDS TO BE GRANTED TO COUNTIES/TOWNS WITH TRIBAL GAMING

WHEREAS, The Gaming Compacts between the 11 Indian Tribes in Wisconsin and the State in most cases contain language that reads that the State will make “best efforts” to assume that monies paid to the State shall be spent on several different items including Support for programs and services of the county in which the tribe is located, and

WHEREAS, Unfortunately, little of the funds contributed to the state from gaming actually end up back in the counties with tribal reservations per this “best effort” of the state, and


WHEREAS, Most of these counties continue to be some of the poorest in the state. Not only are they not able to maintain the infrastructure but also have a hard time to even raise the funds needed to match various state and federal grant program, and

WHEREAS, In an effort to begin to address this problem and to meet the goals of the gaming compacts we are introducing legislation that would direct that any growth in Indian gaming revenue above the current estimated level of \$54,701,000 be used to create a grant program to assist the 11 counties and towns that contain the headquarters of an Indian tribe or band, and

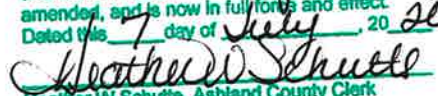
WHEREAS, Each of these counties would receive \$125,000 annually and the towns nearest the tribal headquarters would share in another \$125,000. The total amount would be capped at \$2.5 million. If less than \$2.5 million came in, the grants would be pro-rated,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Ashland County Board of Supervisors hereby recommend legislation be passed to facilitate this allocation of excess gaming funds to Counties and Towns with tribal reservations

Signed at the City of Ashland, Wisconsin on this 7th day of July, 2020.


Richard Pufall, County Board Chairperson


ATTEST: Heather Schutte, Ashland County Clerk

CERTIFICATION
I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution is a true, correct, and complete copy of a resolution duly and regularly passed by the Ashland County Board of Supervisors of the County of Ashland on the 7 day of July, 2020 and that said resolution has not been repealed or amended, and is now in full force and effect. Dated this 7 day of July, 2020

Heather W. Schutte, Ashland County Clerk