

**TOWN OF DYER, LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA**

**RESOLUTION NO.: 2004-25**

**A RESOLUTION REGARDING THE HO-CHUNK INDIANS OF THE STATE OF WISCONSIN AND THEIR PROPOSAL AND REQUEST TO LOCATE A CASINO IN LYNWOOD, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, AND ALL MATTERS RELATED THERETO.**

**WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of Dyer, Lake County, Indiana, is aware that the HO-Chunk Indiana tribe of the State of Wisconsin is a federally recognized American Indian tribe (hereinafter referred to as the "tribe"); and**

**WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of Dyer, Lake County, Indiana, is aware that the tribe has purchased land, or is in the process of purchasing land for the stated purpose of locating a casino in Lynwood, Cook County, Illinois and, further, that the tribe has publicly announced its intention to locate said casino and operate gambling facilities in Lynwood; and**

**WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of Dyer, Lake County, Indiana, has been advised that the proposed casino will be a large-scale development, including a casino, which may be disruptive to the surrounding communities with little or no means of local control and/or regulation; and**

**WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of Dyer, Lake County, Indiana, has been advised by a citizens' group whose members are opposed to the casino that the tribe has enlisted the support of United States Congressman Jesse Jackson, Jr., without having said Congressman consult, or in any other way ascertain the position of the community at large, either through public hearings, public meetings, or other normal and customary open-government methods designed to elicit citizen input; and**

**WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of Dyer, Lake County, Indiana, has been advised that, if approved, the land upon which casino is proposed to be located will be removed from county and state tax rolls, thus negating the requirement for payment of real property taxes, and potentially resulting in undue burdens on infrastructure and other services without relief and/or without sufficient relief; and**

**WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of Dyer, Lake County, Indiana, has received verbal input and written literature from citizens who are opposed to the casino facility currently under consideration by local and federal officials, which verbal input and written literature contain information supporting the proposition that casinos and/or gambling facilities have negative effects upon the communities in which they are located and their surrounding communities in the form of detracting and/or**

damaging local retail businesses and the local and regional economies, increased crime and alcoholism, the negative effects of addictive and compulsive gambling on society and the impact on local community infrastructure such as roads, water supply and sewage treatment without contributing to the community's cost for these services; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Council of the Town of Dyer, Lake County, Indiana, is aware that the Towns of Dyer, Lake County, Indiana, and Lynwood, Cook County, Illinois, are located adjacent to the border between the States of Indiana and Illinois in each of their respective States; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Council of the Town of Dyer, Lake County, Indiana, has determined that, because of its location and closeness in physical proximity to Lynwood, Cook County, Illinois, the Town of Dyer is susceptible to the potential negative effects of the proposed casino, as described hereinabove; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Council of the Town of Dyer, Lake County, Indiana, having received the above-described citizen input and having reviewed the written literature, now concurs that the proposed casino in Lynwood, Cook County, Illinois, is not in the best interests of Lynwood, or the Town of Dyer as a surrounding community.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF DYER, LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA, AS FOLLOWS:**

**SECTION ONE:** That the Town Council of the Town of Dyer, Lake County, Indiana, has determined that the casino facility proposed to be located in Lynwood, Cook County, Illinois, will be detrimental to the local community, the Town of Dyer, and all surrounding communities, in the manner described hereinabove.

**SECTION TWO:** That as such, the Town Council of the Town of Dyer, Lake County, Indiana, opposes the location of a casino facility in Lynwood, Cook County, Illinois, and requests that no license and/or permit be issued by any governmental agency authorizing the tribe, or any other entity, to locate, open and/or operate a casino or other gambling facility in Lynwood.

**SECTION THREE:** That the Town Council of the Town of Dyer, Lake County, Indiana, hereby authorizes the Town's Clerk-Treasurer to forward copies of this Resolution by United States mail to the following persons, entities and/or agencies:

1. The President of the United States of America;
2. The Governor of the State of Illinois;
3. United States Senator Dick Durbin;
4. United States Senator Peter Fitzgerald;
5. United States Speaker of the House Dennis Hastert;

6. United States Congressman Jesse Jackson, Jr.;
7. The Federal Bureau of Indian Affairs;
8. Illinois Senate President Emil Jones;
9. Illinois Speaker of the House Mike Madigan;
10. Each Member of the Cook County Board; and
11. Each Member of the governing legislative body of Lynwood, Cook County, Illinois.

ALL OF WHICH IS RESOLVED THIS 18<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF AUGUST, 2004.

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Town Council of the Town of Dyer,  
Lake County, Indiana

Attest:

Thomas G. Hoffman  
Thomas G. Hoffman, I.A.M.C., C.M.C.,  
Clerk-Treasurer

