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9:30 a.m.
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10:50 a.m.

*"And this is eternal
life, that they may
know You, the only
true God, and Jesus
Christ, whom You
have sent."*

—John 17:3

*"We are God's: let us
therefore live for
Him and die for Him.
We are God's: let His
wisdom and will
therefore rule all our
actions. We are
God's: let all the
parts of our life
accordingly strive
toward Him as our
only lawful goal...."*

*—John Calvin,
Institutes of the
Christian Religion*

July 18, 2004

To: Village Trustees of South Suburban Chicagoland

Dear Trustees,

Please receive the following resolution unanimously passed by the Council of the Oak Glen United Reformed Church, July 18, 2004. This resolution voices our opposition to the establishment of a reservation casino within this community within which we all serve. Please use this resolution when considering any action you might take as it pertains to this issue.

On behalf of the Council and in the service of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ,



Tim Beezhold
Clerk of Council

Resolution: Opposing the Establishment of a Reservation Casino in the South Suburban Chicagoland Area.

WHEREAS, we believe that in Christ Jesus our heavenly Father is the source of every good gift necessary for the sustaining of our lives. For God says in his word "Do you not know? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the creator of the ends of the earth. He will not grow tired or weary, and his understanding no one can fathom. He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak. Even youths grow weary and young men stumble and fall; but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles: they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint." (Isa. 40:28-31)

And we do in no way depend on chance or good fortune for the provision of our physical needs. For God says "He who works his land will have abundant food, but he who chases fantasies lacks judgment." (Prov.12:11),
And

WHEREAS, reservation casinos have led to an increase in **economic hardship** in other parts of the country, including the rising of property taxes, the increase of bankruptcies, the removal of millions of dollars from local economies, the implementation of unfair business competition due to reservation tax breaks, and the increase of funding needed to respond to the psychological, spiritual and financial needs of those impacted by gambling addictions, and

WHEREAS, reservation casinos have led to an increase in **social hardship** in other parts of the country, including the rise of prostitution rates, other crime rates and divorces, and

WHEREAS, reservation casinos have led to an increase in **civic hardship** in other parts of the country, due to the inability of local, county and state governments to police a casino on reservation land.

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Oak Glen United Reformed Church Council of Lansing, Illinois stands opposed to the establishment of a reservation casino in the South Suburban Chicagoland area, including any such proposal that would lead to such a casino being established in the village of Lynwood, Illinois.

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