

## RESOLUTION

**WHEREAS** the Village of South Holland is committed to being a Community of Faith, Family and Future; and

**WHEREAS** the Village Board is committed to ideals that promote the values that characterize our Heritage of faith, and those that place a strong emphasis on family values for our residents and those in our Chicago Southland region, which we believe will lead to a bright future; and

**WHEREAS** the HO-Chunk tribe of Wisconsin has manifest its' intent to construct a casino in the Chicago Southland; and

**WHEREAS** the Village Board has consistently maintained a strong position, emphatically stating our opposition to the expansion of casinos and the promotion of gambling, which is inconsistent with, nor promotes or strengthens our ideals of faith and family; and

**WHEREAS** there is overwhelming evidence that gambling leads to increases in divorce, financial hardships, addictions, prostitution and crime rates; and

**WHEREAS** the viewpoint that such a facility would bring about significant economic growth does not give consideration to the associated negative impact to the loss of revenue to existing local and regional businesses, and whose casino generated revenues, in part or in whole, will not filter back into local, county, state or federal coffers, nor will this viewpoint give recognition to the countless lives that are devastated by gambling; and

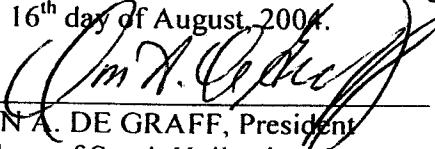
**WHEREAS** the Village Board deeply values and highly respects the ongoing relationships we have with our federal, state and local political leaders who may hold a varying opinion on this issue. In spite of this difference of opinion, we are committed to working together for the economic expansion of our Village and our region by actively promoting alternative methods that would better serve the Chicago Southland without creating an environment that we believe is not in the best interest of the region; and

**WHEREAS** the Village Board, based on principle, elects not to accept revenue generated by the gambling facility, but fully expects reimbursement for expenses incurred as a result of increased public safety and public welfare services; and

**WHEREAS** the Village Board clearly understands that it is not its role, nor will it, cast judgment or condemn any individual, special interest group, municipality or other governing authority with a different viewpoint; but fully supports the right for individuals, citizen groups, or churches to express their opinions for or against this proposition.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that I, DON A. DE GRAFF, take this means of behalf of the President and Board of Trustees to pass this resolution restating our long-standing position on this important issue.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and have caused the Official Seal of the Village of South Holland to be affixed this 16<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2004.

  
DON A. DE GRAFF, President  
Village of South Holland