

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Ysleta del Sur Pueblo is a U.S. federally recognized Native American tribe and sovereign nation.

WHEREAS, the Ysleta del Sur Pueblo was established in 1682 and since the tribe has maintained a significant presence in the El Paso region that helped pave the way for the future development of the area.

WHEREAS, after centuries of struggle, the Ysleta del Sur Pueblo should have the right and means to freely determine its social, economic, political and cultural future and should be free to help themselves out of poverty and to provide a better life for its citizens through self-determination that supports self-sustainability.

WHEREAS, the economic benefits of gaming such as job creation, investment stimulation, tourism development, and the improvement of economic status of the Pueblo and surrounding communities is an economic benefit to the entire region.

WHEREAS, from early 1994 to 2002 when Speaking Rock was operational, the center created hundreds of jobs for both Indian and non-Indians in the surrounding communities of the El Paso County and West Texas region.

WHEREAS, off reservation benefits resulting from former gaming revenues included tribal contributions to charitable and civic organization ranging from little league teams to community foundations.

WHEREAS, gaming operations on reservation lands are owned by the tribal government who uses the revenues to fund essential services, such as health, education, law enforcement, tribal courts, economic development, infrastructure improvements, and to provide for the general welfare of the tribe.

WHEREAS, revenues also generate major social and economic benefits and impacts for the Mission Valley and El Paso region such as increasing income levels, supporting small business, and community improvements.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO:

THAT the City of El Paso supports the El Paso Legislative Delegation in their efforts to re-establish gaming on the Ysleta del Sur Pueblo Reservation.

ADOPTED this ____ day of January 2009.

THE CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS

John F. Cook
Mayor

ATTEST:

Richarda Duffy Momsen
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Charlie McNabb
City Attorney