

**A RESOLUTION TO HONOR AND RECOGNIZE MR. NELSON WESTRIN FOR DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AND LEADERSHIP TO THE MICHIGAN GAMING CONTROL BOARD**

**Whereas**, It is with deep appreciation for the outstanding service that Nelson W. Nelson has put forth during his six year tenure as the executive director of the Michigan Gaming Control Board that we offer this recognition and expression of our thanks. As the people of the state of Michigan acknowledge his excellent service and outstanding contributions to the proper implementation and regulation of legalized casino gaming in the city of Detroit, we add our sentiments of gratitude for a job well-done; and

**Whereas**, On July 17, 1997, Governor John Engler appointed Nelson W. Westrin as the Executive Director of the Michigan Gaming Control Board after appointing him interim executive director of Michigan Gaming in November 1996. Mr. Nelson was the Board's first Executive Director. From that date until his resignation on November 22, 2002.

**Whereas**, It is with great respect for his professional and personal commitment to our state and its legal structure that we honor and thank Executive Director Nelson Westrin for his service to the State of Michigan. Mr. Westrin has played a crucial role in shaping the quality of Michigan's casino gaming regulation and licensing. His devotion to duty ensures that the Detroit casino gaming activities and operations are conducted in a lawful manner thereby protecting the best interests of the people of the State of Michigan.

**Whereas**, A graduate of Michigan State University and the University of Detroit School of Law, Nelson came to Lansing and began serving as an assistant attorney general from 1977 to 1993. Prior to his appointment as the Executive Director of the Michigan Gaming Control Board, he was the state's racing commissioner, responsible for licensing and regulation horse racing in Michigan.

**Whereas**, Nelson W. Westrin's accomplishments while leading the Board include the implementation of the Michigan Gaming and Revenue and promulgated the Board's Administrative Rules, demonstrating his tirelessly personal sense of duty;