

APPENDIX W

**SPOKANE TRIBAL RESOLUTION SUPPORTING FAIRCHILD AFB
OPERATIONS**

RESOLUTION
Spokane Tribal Resolution 2012-146

REAFFIRMING THE TRIBE'S SUPPORT OF OPERATIONS AT FAIRCHILD AIR FORCE BASE

WHEREAS, the Spokane Tribal Business Council is the duly constituted governing body of the Spokane Tribe of Indians by authority of the Constitution of the Spokane Tribe; and

WHEREAS, under the Constitution of the Spokane Tribe, the Spokane Tribal Business Council is charged with the duty of protecting the general welfare of the Spokane Tribe and all Reservation residents; and

WHEREAS, under the Constitution of the Spokane Tribe, the Spokane Tribal Business Council is charged with administering the affairs and assets of the Spokane Tribe including Tribal lands and;

WHEREAS, the Tribal Business Council is charged with the duty of negotiating with and representing the Spokane Tribe before federal, state and local governments and their departments and agencies; and

WHEREAS, the United States holds certain lands, in trust for the Spokane Tribe, designated by the Spokane County Auditor as Parcel Numbers 152224.9013 and 15224.9012 ("the Property"); and

WHEREAS, the Spokane Tribe seeks to develop the Property, including construction of a Class III gaming facility pursuant to Section 2719(b)(1)(A) of the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act ("the Project"); and

WHEREAS, the Property is located near Fairchild Air Force Base ("FAFB"); and

WHEREAS, as a long time advocate of continued FAFB operations, the Tribe reached out early in the Project planning project to local jurisdictions, the Air Force, and the Federal Aviation Administration to ensure any potential impacts to flight operations are identified and either avoided or mitigated; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe intends to comply with all mitigation requirements set forth in the Environmental Impact Statement being prepared for the Project, including requirements designed to avoid or mitigate potential impacts to FAFB operations; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe understands that FAFB operations now and in the future may pose possible inconveniences to nearby property owners, including, but not limited to, air traffic, noise, fumes, dust, smoke and the operation of machinery during any 24-hour period; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe is prepared to accept such inconveniences or discomfort as a normal and necessary aspect of operating a Class III gaming facility and resort near an Air Force Base that serves as a critical economic engine for the Region; and


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Spokane Tribal Business Council hereby reaffirms its longstanding commitment to continued operations at FAFB; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Spokane Tribal Business Council hereby expresses the Tribe's commitment to ensuring that the Project is designed, implemented and operated in a manner that avoids or mitigates potential impacts to FAFB operations.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that in the operation of the Project, the Tribe will accept as normal and necessary those impacts to the Tribe's Property arising from FAFB operations, including but not limited to, air traffic, noise, fumes, dues, smoke and the operation of machinery during any 24-hour period.

Certification

The foregoing was duly enacted by the Spokane Tribal Business Council on the 29th day of February, 2012, by the vote of 5 for 0 against and 0 abstain under authority contained in Article VIII of the Constitution of the Spokane Indians ratified by the Spokane Tribe on November 22, 1980.


Chairman
Spokane Tribal Business Council

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
GA	x			
MS	x			
RP	x			
RA	x			
DW	x			