

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-5 OF THE BOARD OF

COMMISSIONERS OF LAPORTE COUNTY, INDIANA

AUTHORIZING AND EMPOWERING THE LAPORTE COUNTY BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS TO HONOR AND RECOGNIZE THE TWENTIETH
ANNIVERSARY OF THE BLUE CHIP CASINO, HOTEL & SPA

WHEREAS, since it's first boat launch on August 22, 1997, the Blue Chip Casino, Hotel & Spa has become northwest Indiana's premier entertainment destination, with a 65 thousand square foot single-level casino, two hotel towers, five restaurants, a spa, salon and fitness center, two gift shops, and a 20 thousand square foot meeting, exhibition and entertainment venue; and

WHEREAS, the Blue Chip Casino, Hotel & Spa has made a significant contribution to the economy of this region, paying gaming and admission taxes totaling nearly \$1 billion dollars since 2001; and

WHEREAS, the Blue Chip Casino, Hotel & Spa creates more than one thousand jobs in the region while paying more than \$675 million dollars in wages, payroll taxes, and benefits in the last 15 years; and

WHEREAS, since 2001, the Blue Chip Casino, Hotel & Spa's community contributions have been substantial, with contributions of more than \$33.5 million dollars to the City of Michigan City, more than \$12 million dollars to the Michigan City Community Enrichment Fund, and \$3.2 million dollars to the Economic Development Fund of Michigan City; and

WHEREAS, the Michigan City Enrichment Fund receives \$750 thousand dollars a year, with the funds donated to a number of community organizations; and

WHEREAS, last year, Blue Chip Casino, Hotel & Spa donations were earmarked for organizations including \$100 thousand dollars for the Washington Park Zoo, \$100 thousand dollars for the Salvation Army, \$65 thousand dollars for the Stepping Stone Women's Shelter, \$50 thousand dollars for Michiana Resources, and \$80 thousand dollars from the Blue Chip Casino, Hotel & Spa's in-kind and cash donation program for other organizations and causes; and

WHEREAS, the Blue Chip Casino, Hotel & Spa's team members contribute generously to United Way, with \$67 thousand dollars being contributed to United Way of LaPorte County last year.

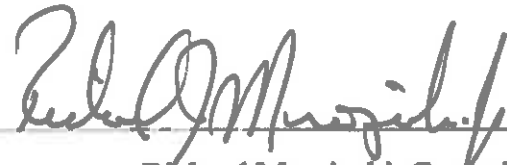
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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF LAPORTE COUNTY AS FOLLOWS:

1. The LaPorte County Board of Commissioners recognize the twentieth anniversary of the Blue Chip Casino, Hotel & Spa.
2. The LaPorte County Board of Commissioners look forward to many more years of great gaming, dining, and entertainment from the Blue Chip Casino, Hotel & Spa.
3. The LaPorte County Board of Commissioners appreciate the continued support of the Blue Chip Casino, Hotel & Spa in our community.

All of which is adopted this 10th day of August, 2017.

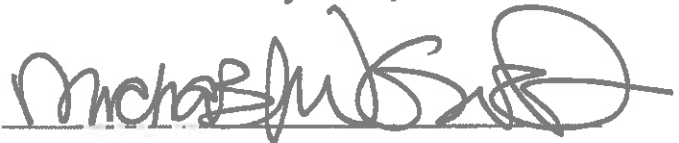
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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Richard Mrozinski, Commissioner



Vidya Kora, Commissioner



Michael Gonder, Commissioner

ATTEST:



Joie Winski, LaPorte County Auditor

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