



St. Regis Mohawk Tribe

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Gaming Activities in Violation of Tribal Ordinances

Akwesasne Territory. The St. Regis Mohawk Tribal Council met with the Tribal Community at the General Meeting on September 11, and informed them that the gaming establishment, located at the All Inn Lounge located at 439 State Route 37, Akwesasne New York is in violation of both Tribal Ordinances and a St. Regis Tribal Court Order. Despite requests from the St. Regis Mohawk Tribal Council, the All Inn, owned and operated by the Laughing Family Trust, continues to conduct unregulated gaming on the premises. At the regularly scheduled monthly tribal meeting held on Saturday, September 11th, Tribal Council informed those in attendance that electronic gaming devices are present at the All-Inn and further informed community members of their action plan to address the issue.

In April, the St. Regis Tribal Gaming Commission ordered the closure of the poker room located at the All Inn Lounge. Since that time, owners of the All Inn Lounge Poker Room have blatantly ignored and continued operations in violation of Tribal law, and the Gaming Commission's order and have now allegedly begun installing electronic gaming devices---again in violation of Tribal, State and Federal Laws. A compliance audit conducted on Thursday, September 9, showed that illegal gaming devices are now on site. Under Federal, State and Tribal law, possession of such devices, by anyone other than a gaming operation licensed by the St. Regis Mohawk Tribe's Tribal Gaming Commission is illegal.

The St. Regis Mohawk Tribe has NOT licensed or authorized the All Inn Lounge Poker Room to conduct gaming on the St. Regis Mohawk Reservation. As such, it is unregulated, unsupervised and operated without the benefit of any tribal oversight. The Tribe CANNOT guarantee the games are conducted fairly or assure the integrity of the games being played, or the public's health and safety while attending the venue.

At this time, the St. Regis Mohawk Tribal Council is seeking a voluntary shutdown of the gaming operation, by its owners, the Laughing Family Trust. Their operations jeopardize the Tribe's ability to conduct legal, regulated Class II and Class III gaming operations, which are even more vital to the Tribe's ability to provide essential services to the Community, such as health care and policing, than ever before.

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The St. Regis Mohawk Tribal Council is the duly elected and federally recognized government of the St. Regis Mohawk People.

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