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The All Inn Lounge Poker Room

Poker Room in Violation of Tribal Ordinances

Akwesasne Territory. The St. Regis Mohawk Tribe advises the public that the poker 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.

In January 2010, the All Inn, owned and operated by Tony Laughing, Sr. and others, was ordered by the St. Regis Mohawk Tribal Court to cease the illegal sale of alcohol after a fatal vehicle accident involving an intoxicated community member served by the All In Lounge.

At the request of the owners, and as a condition to allowing the pizza parlor, also located in the building, to remain open, the Tribal Court ordered that unannounced inspections by the Tribe's Compliance Department would be conducted. On Thursday July 8, 2010, employees of the All Inn refused admittance to Tribal Inspectors to conduct such an inspection of the premises.

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.

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.

Therefore, the Tribe CANNOT guarantee the games are conducted fairly or assure the integrity of the Poker game being played. Further, the Tribe cannot guarantee the Public's Health and Safety while attending the venue.

The proper regulation of Tribal gaming enterprises provides for fairness and integrity regarding gaming activities on the St. Regis Mohawk Reservation. The Tribal Government and its agencies recognize the importance of maintaining the public's confidence and trust. Therefore, any existing tribally licensed gaming employees will place their license in jeopardy should they be employed in the All Inn Lounge's unauthorized activity.

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