



## **MILWAUKEE BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION TRADES COUNCIL RESOLUTION May 18, 2006**

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WHEREAS, the Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin has proposed a casino and entertainment center in Kenosha that would provide entertainment and employment opportunities for thousands of people in Southeast Wisconsin and beyond; and

WHEREAS, the Menominee Tribe has demonstrated its strong commitment to working with local unions by signing a Project Labor Agreement (PLA) with the Southeast Wisconsin Building and Construction Trades Council that guarantees local union members and families will reap the benefits of jobs created during the construction of the facility; and

WHEREAS, the Menominee Tribe and a three-union coalition in Kenosha have signed an historic organizing agreement for the casino when it is built; and

WHEREAS, economic studies conducted on behalf of both the Forest County Potawatomi and the Menominee Tribe demonstrate that an expanded Potawatomi casino in Milwaukee and the proposed Kenosha casino can successfully coexist, prosper and provide significant economic benefit to both tribes, Southeast Wisconsin and the entire state;

WHEREAS, the Menominee Tribe has determined that the PLA will help to provide more than 1,000 good-paying, family-sustaining jobs for organized labor in Southeast Wisconsin during the construction phases of the project; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Menominee casino and entertainment center in Kenosha would further provide for more than 3,000 permanent, good-paying, family-sustaining jobs in Southeast Wisconsin upon the project's completion; and

WHEREAS, the Menominee Tribe has a policy in place that would give preference to residents of Kenosha, Racine and Milwaukee counties applying for employment at the facility; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED, WE, THE MILWAUKEE BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION TRADES COUNCIL, do hereby support the Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin's proposed casino and entertainment center and encourage the United States Bureau of Indian Affairs and the Governor of Wisconsin to approve this important project.**