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Casino shutdown set for 8 a.m. July 5

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ATLANTIC CITY— Casino Control Commission Chair Linda M. Kassekert Sunday ordered that all gaming activity at Atlantic City casinos must cease as of 8 a.m. on Wednesday, July 5, 2006.

"I direct that, absent the enactment of an Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2007, the operation certificate of each casino licensee shall be temporarily suspended, and no gaming wager shall occur after 8 a.m. on July 5, 2006," she said. "At that point, each casino licensee shall commence the implementation of its internal controls governing the cessation of gaming and the orderly closure of its casino and simulcasting facilities."

Kassekert said she selected the time and date after meeting Saturday with representatives of 10 of the city's casinos, security directors, the Division of Gaming Enforcement, New Jersey State Police, Atlantic City Mayor Robert Levy and Atlantic City Chief of Police John Mooney. She said participants at the meeting raised concerns about the potential security and public safety issues that could arise as a result of simultaneously closing all 12 casinos. Chief Mooney indicated at that meeting the problems would be exacerbated by the presence of up to one million people estimated to visit the city over the four-day Fourth of July weekend.

"In light of the number of people expected to be present during the holiday weekend, a minimum of 48 hours notice would be appropriate to advise travel industry providers and patrons, both those already present in the casino hotels and those having been actively solicited by ongoing advertising, of the closing of gaming operations," she said.

Kassekert notified casino operators that they will have to remain closed "until such time as you are notified by me that you are authorized to reopen your casino and simulcasting facilities and resume gaming operations under such conditions as I deem appropriate."

She said that notification would only come after she is advised by the Governor “that state employees required for the operation of the casinos may resume their duties.”



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RE: Implementation Of The Casino Control Commission's June 30, 2006 Order Concerning The Temporary Suspension Of The Certificates Of Operation Of The Twelve Casino Licensees Pursuant To Executive Order No. 17 Dated July 1, 2006

By order dated June 30, 2006 (copy attached), the Casino Control Commission (Commission) delegated to the Chair of the Commission the authority to implement any closure of casinos and simulcasting facilities and cessation of gaming and simulcast wagering activities required by an Executive Order declaring a state of emergency due to the absence of a duly enacted Annual Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2007. On July 1, 2006, Governor Jon S. Corzine did in fact issue Executive Order No. 17 directing that all non-essential State government departments and agencies begin immediately an orderly shut down of all services and functions. Executive Order No. 17 did not designate Commission inspectors as essential personnel, thus requiring the Chair to begin implementation of the Commission's June 30th Order.

In furtherance of this responsibility, the Chair of the Commission requested representatives of each casino licensee to attend a meeting at the

Commission's offices on July 1, 2006, at 1:00 p.m., to discuss any security, public safety, or internal control issues that the Chair should take into consideration when determining the manner in which the Commission's Order should be executed. This meeting was also attended by Thomas N. Auriemma, Director of the Division of Gaming Enforcement (DGE), other DGE and State Police representatives, Atlantic City Mayor Robert Levy, Atlantic City Chief of Police John Mooney and Commission staff.

Extensive comments concerning the potential security and public safety issues raised by the simultaneous cessation of the gaming and simulcasting operations of all Atlantic City casinos were presented by the DGE Director, the Mayor, the Chief of Police, the Chief Executive Officers of ten casino licensees and the Directors of Security for all twelve casino licensees. These problems would be exacerbated by the one million people that the Chief estimated would be present in the City over the July 4th weekend.

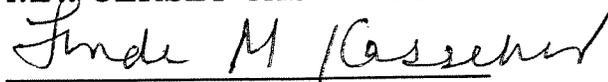
In light of the number of people expected to be present during the holiday weekend a minimum of 48 hours notice would be appropriate to advise travel industry providers and patrons, both those already present in the casino hotels and those having been actively solicited by ongoing advertising campaigns, of the scheduled closing of gaming operations.

Although 4:00 a.m. is probably the easiest time to process the paper work associated with the closing of a casino, it is apparent that safety concerns would be reduced if the closing took place during daylight hours.

Based on the foregoing, I **FIND** that, in the interest of protecting the public safety, the orderly closure of casino and simulcasting facilities to the public and the cessation of gaming and simulcast wagering activities in accordance with Executive Order No. 17 shall occur at 8:00 a.m. on the 5th day of July 2006. **ACCORDINGLY**, pursuant to the authority delegated to me by the Commission, I direct that, absent the enactment of an Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2007, the operation certificate of each casino licensee shall be temporarily suspended, and no gaming wager shall occur after 8:00 a.m., on July 5, 2006. At that point, each casino licensee shall commence the implementation of its internal controls governing the cessation of gaming and the orderly closure of its casino and simulcasting facilities. Each casino licensee shall further instruct its personnel to take all necessary precautions to

ensure that no gaming wager occurs after 8:00 am on July 5, 2006. Such suspension shall remain in effect until such time as you are notified by me that you are authorized to reopen your casino and simulcasting facilities and resume gaming operations under such conditions as I deem appropriate upon being advised by the Governor that the State employees required for the operation of the casinos may resume their duties.

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LINDA M. KASSEKERT, CHAIR