



A RESOLUTION OF THE WEST ORANGE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE OPPOSING THE EXPANSION OF GAMBLING IN FLORIDA.

WHEREAS, Florida voters have, on three separate occasions, rejected the legalization of high-stakes casino gambling in Florida; and

WHEREAS, studies reveal that, when introduced into developed tourism economies, casino gambling has devastating effects on established local businesses; and

WHEREAS, this fact was proven in Atlantic City where 40 percent of local restaurants and one third of the local retail establishment closed following the introduction of casino gambling; and

WHEREAS, high-stakes casino gambling is demonstrably linked to higher social costs, including the cost of regulation, the cost of crime, the cost of additional law enforcement, and the cost of treatment for addicted gamblers; and

WHEREAS, Florida's history with gambling demonstrates its natural tendency to expand to new areas once introduced; and

WHEREAS, The State Legislature will soon consider legislation to expand gambling in Florida; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WEST ORANGE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE THAT:

Section 1. West Orange Chamber hereby opposes the expansion of gambling in Florida.

Section 2. West Orange Chamber specifically opposes legislation that would legalize so-called "destination casinos" in Florida.

Section 3. West Orange Chamber supports legislative efforts to close the loophole allowing internet gambling cafes to exist throughout the state.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this Twelfth day of January, 2012.

SIGNED:

David Sylvester, Chairman
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