

R E S O L U T I O N

Moved by Robert Anderson, seconded by Pat Cromell, that the following Resolution be adopted by the Range Association of Municipalities and Schools.

RESOLUTION

Whereas the Ely Area Development Council has been working to promote tourism in the Ely area and to revive the theme: The Playground of the Nation; and

Whereas it is the goal of the Ely Area Development Council to provide a program of tourism development that will return Ely to the status of a first class family multiple recreation area, and;

Whereas the Ely Area Development Council has proposed a program of tourism promotion which includes as one of its items, the special attraction of a unique, single, casino-type facility to be located in Ely; and

Whereas legislation has been drafted to authorize a single, municipally owned and operated casino in Ely, which will be State regulated and from which the proceeds will be dedicated to economic development; and

Whereas the proposed legislation provides for a hearing process whereby State regulatory agency shall set limits on the type and number of games, and limits on the prizes to be paid, and then provides that the question of the casino shall be submitted to a referendum by the people of Ely.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Range Association of Municipalities and Schools hereby resolves as follows:

1. We support the Ely Area Development Council in its fine work in tourism promotion and for its efforts to return Ely to a successful theme of multiple recreation with first class, family oriented facilities, while at the same time providing for economic development and diversification in the private sector.
2. We recommend that the Minnesota Legislature pass a bill which would authorize a single, municipally-owned, State regulated casino facility in Ely, the proceeds from which would be used for economic development purposes in North-eastern Minnesota.

Dated: February 21, 1985

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