

COMMISSION RESOLUTION NO. 19-010
REGARDING EXCLUSION OF JOSEPH R. MAHFOOD
EXCURSION GAMBLING BOATS AND FACILITIES IN MISSOURI

February 27, 2019

WHEREAS, pursuant to 11 CSR 45-15.030, the Missouri Gaming Commission (the “Commission”) has the authority to place a person on the Exclusion List for the conviction of a felony in any jurisdiction of any crime involving moral turpitude or of a crime involving gaming, violating any provision of Chapter 313 RSMo or any rule promulgated by the Missouri Gaming Commission, or performing any act or having a notorious or unsavory reputation which would adversely affect public confidence and trust in gaming, or has his name on any valid and current exclusion list from another jurisdiction in the United States; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to 11 CSR 45-15.010, placement on the Exclusion List prohibits such person from entering or having contact of any kind with any Missouri riverboat gaming operation; and

WHEREAS, on August 22, 2017, Joseph R. Mahfood pled guilty to the felony of Conducting an Illegal Gambling Business, in violation of Title 18 U.S.C. § 1955, the felony of Transportation of Aid in a Racketeering Enterprise, in violation of Title 18 U.S.C. §§ 1952(a)(3) and 1952(a)(3)(A), two counts of felony Laundering of Monetary Instruments in violation of Title 18 U.S.C. §§ 1956(a)(1)(B) and 1956(a)(1) and 18 U.S.C. §§ 1957(a) and (b)(1), and the felony of Filing a Fraudulent Tax Return in violation of Title 26 U.S.C. § 7206(1) in the United States District Court Eastern District of Missouri. The Court accepted his plea and on November 21, 2017, sentenced Mr. Mahfood to a term of three years’ probation and requiring him to complete 100 hours of community service. He was ordered to pay an assessment of \$500 and restitution in the amount of \$147,450.00 to the Internal Revenue Service. Under the terms of his probation, Mr. Mahfood was prohibited from engaging in any form of gambling and or entering any gambling or casino establishment.

From January 1, 2008 through August 28, 2014, Mr. Mahfood and two other defendants conducted an illegal gambling business involving sports betting and conducted financial transactions affecting interstate commerce involving the proceeds of his gambling activities. Mr. Mahfood also filed a false tax return with the Director, Internal Revenue Service Center by materially understated his previous year’s income and by materially misrepresenting the reported income from gambling.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Commission hereby finds that Joseph R. Mahfood is eligible for permanent placement on the Exclusion List, and the Commission directs the Executive Director to issue a Notice of Exclusion to Joseph R. Mahfood.