

BARNSTABLE COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF DELEGATES

In the Year Nineteen Hundred and Ninety-Four

Resolution 94-6

To oppose initiation or expansion of legalized gambling in Massachusetts and most particularly in Barnstable County.

WHEREAS, In 1991 the Barnstable County Assembly of Delegates conducted a public hearing regarding legalizing slot machines on Cape Cod and residents were overwhelmingly against the proposal;

WHEREAS, In 1993 the Standing Committee on Economic Affairs conducted two public hearings regarding Governor Weld's proposal to implement harbor and river-based casino gambling in Massachusetts and the majority of those who attended were opposed to the Governor's proposal;

WHEREAS, gambling may have an adverse economic impact on existing local businesses, including (particularly) local service and retail establishments;

WHEREAS, most jobs created by gambling activities are low paying jobs with limited growth potential, and gambling can result in a loss of existing jobs at the local level;

WHEREAS, gambling activities in Barnstable County may reduce the county's ability to promote economic development by making it more difficult to attract and retain non-gambling businesses; and

WHEREAS, revenues derived from gambling activities constitute a regressive tax because gambling takes a higher percentage of income from poor people.

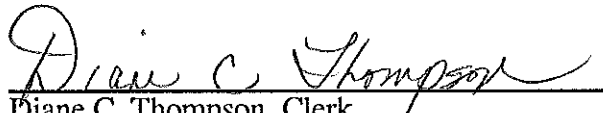
NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, the Barnstable County Assembly of Delegates:

Strongly opposes any legislation which would initiate or expand legalized gambling in Massachusetts and most particularly in Barnstable County.

The foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Barnstable County Assembly of Delegates by a roll call vote with Delegates representing 95.48% of the population of Barnstable County present and voting 92.73% in favor and 2.75% opposed, at a meeting held on October 5, 1994.

Attested by:


Diane C. Thompson, Clerk
Assembly of Delegates