

OHIO CASINO CONTROL COMMISSION

RESOLUTION 2021-34

COMMENDING AND COMMEMORATING EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MATTHEW T. SCHULER AND THE OHIO CASINO COMMISSION STAFF FOR THEIR SERVICE DURING THE COVID-19 STATE OF EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, Article XV, Section 6(C)(4), of the Ohio Constitution created the Ohio Casino Control Commission (“Commission”);

WHEREAS, on March 9, 2020, Governor Mike DeWine, through Executive Order 2020-01D, declared a state of emergency to protect the health, safety, and wellbeing of the public from the dangerous effects of COVID-19;

WHEREAS, the dangers presented by COVID-19 prompted several changes to the Commission’s daily activities, including implementation of measures necessary to help prevent and combat the spread of COVID-19;

WHEREAS, the health, safety, and wellbeing of the public, including casino patrons, casino employees, and Commission staff, is of paramount importance;

WHEREAS, to protect the health and safety of the public during the state of emergency, Executive Director Matthew T. Schuler and Commission staff undertook monumental efforts and showed an unwavering determination to maintain and improve business operations, including finding new and innovative ways to serve the citizenry and the State of Ohio;

WHEREAS, these efforts and innovations were made across all agency divisions, including those who succeeded in working in new environments and those who continued to serve on the front lines;

WHEREAS, through their work during the state of emergency, Executive Director Schuler and Commission staff have demonstrated a sincere commitment to serving the citizens of Ohio and an unwavering determination and dedication to excellence in public service;

WHEREAS, Commission staff, under Executive Director Schuler’s leadership, continues to demonstrate the knowledge, skill, work ethic, and poise needed to ensure the integrity of casino gaming, skill-based amusement machines, and fantasy contests, placing this agency in the best position to succeed;

WHEREAS, the members of the Commission are pleased to commend and commemorate Executive Director Schuler’s and the staff’s service to the agency, the public, and the State of Ohio;

WHEREAS, the Commission considered this matter at its public meeting on August 18, 2021.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that we, the members of the Commission, in adopting this Resolution, applaud, honor, recognize, and salute Executive Director Schuler's and the staff's contributions, hard work, and dedicated service during the state of emergency.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we desire all members of the staff to be informed of this Resolution and direct Executive Director Schuler to share it with the staff along with our sincerest gratitude and deepest appreciation.

Adopted: August 18, 2021