

United States Department of the Interior
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
Washington, D.C. 20240

ORDER NO. 3252

SIGNATURE DATE: April 9, 2004

Subject: Authorities Delegated to the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary - Indian Affairs

Sec.1 Purpose. The authority described in this Order expands the authority of the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary - Indian Affairs to include the exercise of certain program and administrative authorities of the Assistant Secretary - Indian Affairs.

Sec. 2 Authority. This Order is issued in accordance with the authority provided by Section 2 of Reorganization Plan No. 3 of 1950 (64 Stat. 1262), as amended.

Sec. 3 Delegation of Authority. The authority of the Secretary is hereby delegated through the Assistant Secretary - Indian Affairs to the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary - Indian Affairs to execute all documents, including regulations and other Federal Register notices, and perform all other duties relating to federal recognition of Native American tribes, taking land into trust for gaming purposes, and other gaming matters. This delegation is in addition to the authorities delegated to the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary - Indian Affairs in 209 DM 8.

Sec. 4 Re-delegation. Subject to the limitations in Section 204 (a) of Public Law 94-579 and the limitations in 200 DM 1, these authorities may be further delegated.

Sec. 5 Expiration Date. This Order is effective immediately. It will remain in effect until its provisions are converted to the Departmental Manual or until it is amended, superseded, or revoked, whichever occurs first. In the absence of any of the foregoing actions, the provisions of this Order will expire and be considered obsolete on June 1, 2005.

/s/ Gale A. Norton
Secretary of the Interior

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