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Minors' Trust Program Mission: The Tunica-Biloxi's Minors' Trust Program endeavors to support and guide tribal members and families as they navigate through the benefits available to them per the Master Trust Document and the tribe's Revenue Distribution Plan for Minors' Trust Access.

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Greetings to all Tribal Members,

In the materials you are receiving from the Minors Trust office, there is a document entitled Beneficiary Designation Form. You are also receiving a copy of the 3rd Amended & Restated Master Trust Document which governs the program and was approved by the Tribal Council in April of 2021.

The Master Trust Document, or MTD as it is referred to, spells out the general operational guidelines for the tribe's Minors Trust program. It explains who created the trust, where the deposits to the trust will come from, how the trust can be accessed, etc. It also states what happens when a trust beneficiary passes away before the age of 21. The MTD details the 'chain of inheritance' for the trust proceeds. Turn to page 2 of 10, Section III. Beneficiaries.

On page 2 and continuing onto page 3, the instructions are given as to who will inherit the trust proceeds should a beneficiary die before age 21. A breakout of that 'chain of inheritance' is noted on the following page.

The reason for inclusion of this document in your packet is because at the age of 18, a tribal member may want to specifically stipulate who they want to inherit their trust assets. By filling out this form, the tribal member can declare who they desire their beneficiary/beneficiaries to be.

This action is authorized in the Master Trust Document on page 3 of 10, Section 3.6, lines 23-25.

If you or anyone in your family has any questions regarding this policy, please contact the tribe's Trust Office at the numbers and email address on the List of Contents page for this packet.

CHAIN OF INHERITANCE FOR TRUST ASSETS/PROCEEDS IN THE UNTIMELY DEATH OF A BENEFICIARY

Who can receive or inherit the assets of a tribal trust?

- LEVEL 1 The first and Primary Beneficiary of the trust who is a Tribal Member.
- LEVEL 2 Tribal member descendants of the Primary Beneficiary, if he/she had any.
- LEVEL 3 Tribal member siblings, IF THE PRIMARY BENEFICIARY HAD NO DESCENDANTS. The siblings would inherit in equal portions.
- LEVEL 4 The descendants of tribal member siblings, IF THE SIBLING(S) HAVE PREDECEASED THE PRIMARY BENEFICIARY and the Primary Beneficiary had no descendants.
- LEVEL 5 The Tribal Member parent(s), IF THE PRIMARY BENEFICIARY HAS NO DESCENDANTS, NO SIBLINGS OR SIBLINGS' DESCENDANTS.
- LEVEL 6 If there are no descendants of the Tribal Member who is the Primary Beneficiary, no siblings, no siblings' descendants, and no surviving tribal member parent(s), then the Trust assets will revert back to the Tribe to be distributed as additional per capita payments according to the most current Revenue Distribution Plan to the other tribal members in the trust program.

