



# HO-CHUNK NATION LEGISLATURE

*Governing Body of the Ho-Chunk Nation*

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- WHEREAS,** on November 1, 1994, the Secretary of the Interior approved a new Constitution for the Ho-Chunk Tribe; and
- WHEREAS,** the Ho-Chunk Nation ("Nation") is a federally recognized Indian Tribe, organized pursuant to the Indian Reorganization Act of 1934; and
- WHEREAS,** Article V, Section 2(a) of the Ho-Chunk Nation Constitution ("Constitution") grants the Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature ("Legislature") the power to make laws, including codes, ordinances, resolutions, and statutes; and
- WHEREAS,** the Ho-Chunk Nation and Ho-Chunk Housing and Community Development Agency ("HHCDA") have received a Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) from HUD for the FY 2008 Rural Housing and Economic Development (RHED) Program grant, through which innovative housing and economic-development activities can be funded, and for which HHCDA is an eligible applicant as a rural nonprofit organization; and
- WHEREAS,** HHCDA and the Nation have determined that, in support of the HHCDA Black River Falls (Wisconsin) housing communities, there is a great need for additional and more affordable childcare services in the Black River Falls Area, available to low-income HCN and other AIAN residents of those communities; and
- WHEREAS,** in order to help meet the essential community-housing needs for affordable childcare in the HHCDA Black River Falls affordable housing communities (Jackson County, Wisconsin), HHCDA plans an innovative project to construct a childcare center on HCN land adjoining the HCN Executive Building and the Ho-Chunk Health Care Center, near the HHCDA housing communities; and
- WHEREAS,** the planned childcare center will innovatively be set up to become an independent 501(c)(3) nonprofit agency, with its own governing board and staff, employing area tribal members both in the construction and operational phases (though HHCDA and HCN will provide resources to help establish the agency), with a goal of eventually providing childcare spaces for all low-income AIAN members in the area who are in need of this service; and
- WHEREAS,** other innovative aspects of the planned childcare center will include: establishing a Montessori program within the center; provision of "drop-off" services to parents who need short-term (e.g., for the day or part of a day) care for their children; and provision of Ho-Chunk language instruction through the tribal language program; and
- WHEREAS,** HHCDA, as an eligible rural 501(c)(3) nonprofit agency, is applying for \$300,000 in RHED funds for development of childcare facility; and

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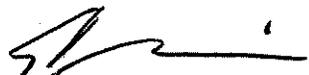
**WHEREAS,** this body (the HCN Legislature) is also approving, through a separate resolution, cash match of \$150,000 to the \$600,000 FY 2008 ICDBG application that HHCDA is preparing on behalf of the Nation, with the ICDBG funding and match to be combined with RHED funding and match for the overall childcare development project (grand total of \$1,200,000);

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Ho-Chunk Nation fully supports the HHCDA FY 2008 RHED application for \$300,000 in grant funds, to which HHCDA is matching \$150,000 in cash and in-kind resources;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the Ho-Chunk Nation commits all possible HCN in-kind program resources to the RHED childcare project.

**CERTIFICATION**

I, the undersigned, as Tribal Secretary for the Ho-Chunk Nation, hereby certify that the Legislature of the Ho-Chunk Nation, composed of **11 members**, of whom **11** constituting a quorum were present at a meeting duly called and convened and held on the **21<sup>st</sup> day of May, 2008**, that the foregoing resolution was adopted at said meeting by an affirmative vote of **9 members, 0 opposed, and 2 abstaining**, pursuant to the authority of Article V, Section 2(a) and (x) of the Constitution of the Ho-Chunk Nation approved by the Secretary of the Interior on November 1, 1994, and that said resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way. I further certify that this is a verified copy of said resolution.



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Elliott Garvin, Tribal Secretary

5-21-08

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Date