



# HO-CHUNK NATION LEGISLATURE

*Governing Body of the Ho-Chunk Nation*

## HO-CHUNK NATION LEGISLATURE SCHEDULING OF DISTRICT MEETINGS RESOLUTION 12-09-08 F

- WHEREAS,** on November 1, 1994, the United States Secretary of the Interior approved a new Constitution for the Ho-Chunk Nation, formerly known as the Wisconsin Winnebago Tribe; and
- WHEREAS,** the Ho-Chunk Nation (“Nation”) is a federally recognized Indian Tribe, pursuant to the Indian Reorganization Act of 1934; and
- WHEREAS,** Article V, Section 2(a) of the Ho-Chunk Nation Constitution (“Constitution”) gives the Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature (“Legislature”) the power to make laws, including codes, ordinances, resolutions, and statutes; and
- WHEREAS,** Article V, Section 2(f) of the Constitution grants the Legislature the power to set the salaries, terms and conditions of employment for all governmental personnel; and
- WHEREAS,** Article V, Section 2(g) of the Constitution grants the Legislature the authority to set its own procedures, select its officers, and to enact laws governing attendance of its members, including penalties for absences; and
- WHEREAS,** Article V, Section 2(i) of the Constitution grants the Legislature the power to negotiate and enter into treaties, compacts, contracts, and agreements with other governments, organizations, or individuals; and
- WHEREAS,** Article V, Section 2(x) of the Constitution grants the Legislature the power to enact any other laws, ordinances, resolutions, and statutes necessary to exercise its legislative powers delegated by the General Council pursuant to Article III including but not limited to the foregoing list of powers; and
- WHEREAS,** Article V, Section 8 of the Constitution provides “[m]embers of the Legislature shall hold and attend regularly scheduled meetings in their respective Districts. Failure to attend such monthly or District meetings on a regular basis may constitute grounds for removal or recall. The Legislature shall not schedule a special meeting at the same time as a regularly scheduled District meeting.”; and
- WHEREAS,** Section 9, subparagraph b. (3) of the *Legislative Organization Act* (2 HCC § 11) provides “[t]he Legislator(s) will select the District Meeting site day, time, and location in consultation with their District constituents . . .”
- WHEREAS,** Legislators have consulted with their District constituents and established the following schedule for each District:
- District 1: typically meets the second Wednesday of the month;
- District 2: typically meets the second Monday (La Crosse) and Tuesday (Tomah) of the month;

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District 3: typically meets the second Monday (Wittenberg) and Tuesday (Green Bay) of the month;

District 4: typically meets the second full week of the month on Monday (Wisconsin Dells), Tuesday (Wisconsin Rapids), Wednesday (Madison), and Thursday (Milwaukee) of the month; and

District 5: typically meets the second full week of the month on Tuesday (Chicago) and Thursday (Minneapolis/St. Paul).

**WHEREAS,** confusion over whether a week represents a full week of the month when a month begins on a Monday or Sunday has caused some problems with scheduling District Meetings; and

**WHEREAS,** this confusion may cause District Constituents to miss District Meetings; and

**WHEREAS,** the Legislature has always encouraged and wants to encourage as many District constituents as possible to participate in District Meetings.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** that a full week shall only be a week that begins on a Sunday for purposes of determining the schedule of District Meetings.

**CERTIFICATION**

I, the undersigned, as Tribal Secretary of Ho-Chunk Nation, hereby certifies that the Legislature of the Ho-Chunk Nation, composed of **11 members** of whom **8** constituting a quorum were present at a meeting duly called and convened and held that on the **9th day of December, 2008**, that the foregoing resolution was adopted at said meeting by an affirmative vote of **7 members, 0 opposed, and 1 abstaining**, pursuant to the 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 the foregoing resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way. I further certify that this is a verified copy of said resolution.

  
Elliott Garvin, Tribal Secretary

12-9-08  
Date