HO-CHUNK NATION LEGISLATURE

Governing Body of the Ho-Chunk Nation

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QUICK PASSAGE TO *HOCAK NATION CHILDREN AND FAMILY ACT* (4 HCC § 3) TO AMEND THE CURRENT CODE
RESOLUTION 6-10-09 L

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, 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, Article V, Section 2(b) of the Constitution grants the Legislature the power to establish Executive Departments, and to delegate legislative powers to the Executive branch to be administered by such Departments, in accordance with the law; any Department established by the Legislature shall be administered by the Executive; the Legislature reserves the power to review any action taken by virtue of such delegated power; and

WHEREAS, Article V, Section 2(c) of the Constitution grants the Legislature the power to constitute a Board of Directors for each Department, except the President shall name the Executive Director, subject to confirmation by the Legislature; 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(h) of the Constitution grants the Legislature the power to enact all laws prohibiting and regulating conduct, and imposing penalties upon all persons within the jurisdiction of the Nation; and

WHEREAS, Article V, Section 2(r) of the Constitution grants the Legislature the power to protect and foster Ho-Chunk religious freedom, culture, language, and traditions; 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, the Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature passed the *Legislative Organization Act* (2 HCC § 11), which was last Amended August 5, 2008; and

WHEREAS, the *Legislative Organization Act* provides the procedures for enacting a Ho-Chunk Nation law; and

WHEREAS, Section 30 of the *Legislative Organization Act* provides Quick Passage Procedures; and

WHEREAS, Under certain limited circumstances, Section 30 provides "[t]he Legislature may vote to immediately pass Legislation."; and

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WHEREAS, Section 30 of the *Legislative Organization Act* in relevant parts provides:

(2) For the Legislation to be considered for Quick Passage the Legislature must conclude:
(a) The Legislation must take effect immediately to address a situation that:

1 Adversely affects the health, safety, welfare, or economic well-being of the Nation;
2 Adversely affects a person or multiple people for which Legislative relief is deemed appropriate and necessary by the Legislature;
3 Is internal to the operation of the Government; or
4 Impacts negotiations with a sovereign entity; and

(b) Adherence to the Normal Legislation Process outlined in Section 31 would result in a delay that would adversely impact the Nation, a Member of the Nation, or Members of the Nation.

WHEREAS, Section 30 of the *Legislative Organization Act* provides "[f]or the Legislation to immediately become the law of the Nation it will require an affirmative vote of more than two-thirds (2/3) of Legislators present at the Legislative Session."; and

WHEREAS, the *Hocak Nation Children and Family Act* (4 HCC § 3) is vital in protecting the children of the Hocak Nation from abuse, neglect and abandonment; and

WHEREAS, the 2009 version of the *Hocak Nation Children and Family Act* (4 HCC § 3) was passed on May 5, 2009; and

WHEREAS, an amendment is needed to further clarify the process for Child Support to be established for the guardians of minors involved in Child Protection cases;

WHEREAS, waiting to pass the amendment to Section 81 of the Hocak Nation Children and Family Act will adversely affect the health, safety and welfare of our children and their families; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Legislature, pursuant to its Constitutional Authority, uses the Quick Passage Procedures of the *Legislative Organization Act* to enact the *Hocak Nation Children and Family Act* (4 HCC § 3).

CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned, as Tribal Secretary of the Ho-Chunk Nation, hereby certify 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 on the **10th day of June, 2009**, that the foregoing resolution was adopted at said meeting by an affirmative vote of **7 members, 0 opposed, and 1 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.

Elliott Garvin, Tribal Secretary

6-10-09
Date