HO-CHUNK NATION LEGISLATURE

Governing Body of the Ho-Chunk Nation

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DESIGNATION OF REPRESENTATIVE TO
NATION TRIBAL EAGLE FEATHERS
WORKING GROUP

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DEFEATED RESOLUTION

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(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(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(w) of the Constitution grants the Legislature the power to enact laws to regulate hunting, fishing, trapping, recreation and all other related activities on lands within the Nation's jurisdiction; 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 National Congress of American Indians ("NCAI") has facilitated the formation of a national Tribal Eagle Feathers Working Group, aimed at protecting the eagle population while also preserving the rights of Native Americans to use eagle feathers for traditional ceremonies, where applicable; and

WHEREAS, another goal of the NCAI Tribal Eagle Feathers Working Group is to consult with federal officials from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Tribal Assistance and the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service in order to educate federal agency officials about the potentially harmful effects of overzealous enforcement; and

WHEREAS, the NCAI Tribal Eagle Feathers Working Group has organized conference calls and meetings, including an in-person meeting of the Group in May 2010 in Washington, D.C. to meet with federal officials and allow all tribal leaders and advocates to collaborate; and

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WHEREAS, the Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature, by motion, previously authorized Representative Lawrence Walker, Jr. to participate in the NCAI Working Group on behalf of the Nation for specific meetings and conferences; and

WHEREAS, in furtherance of the Constitutional policy to protect and further the Nation's interests under the Constitution, the Legislature deems it appropriate to designate a representative by Resolution to participate in the NCAI Tribal Eagle Feathers Working Group, or any other event or meeting intended to address the same issues;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature, pursuant to its Constitutional authority, hereby designates Representative Lawrence Walker, Jr. as the Nation's primary representative to participate in the NCAI Tribal Eagle Feathers Working Group, or any other event or meeting intended to address the same issues; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature designates President or Vice-President as the Nation's secondary representative consistent with participation of Representative Walker, in the event he cannot attend or participate; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that as any designated representative of the Nation attends and participates in the NCAI Tribal Eagle Feathers Working Group, or other related meeting or event, such representative shall keep the Legislature updated and informed.

CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned, as Tribal Secretary of Ho-Chunk Nation, hereby certifies that the Legislature of the Ho-Chunk Nation, composed of **13 members** of whom **13** constituting a quorum were present at a meeting duly called and convened and held that on the **8th day of February, 2011**, that the foregoing resolution was adopted at said meeting by an affirmative vote of **5 members, 6 opposed, and 2 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.

Hope B. Smith — February 8, 2011

Hope B. Smith, Tribal Secretary — Date