



HO-CHUNK NATION LEGISLATURE

Governing Body of the Ho-Chunk Nation

HO-CHUNK NATION LEGISLATURE SUPPORT OF BAD RIVER BAND OF LAKE SUPERIOR TRIBE OF CHIPPEWA INDIANS EFFORTS TO ADDRESS THE PROPOSED STATE MINING LEGISLATION OF WISCONSIN 2011-2012 LEGISLATIVE SESSION AND PROPOSED GTAC MINE IN NORTHERN WISCONSIN

DEFEATED RESOLUTION 02-08-12C

- 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(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(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(s) of the Constitution grants the Legislature the power to promote public health, education, charity, and such other services as may contribute to the social advancement of the members of the Ho-Chunk Nation; 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 Wisconsin State Legislature is currently considering a measure that would significantly weaken mining regulations in Wisconsin, make the expansion of mining a state policy, eliminate opportunities for public input and abolish environmental protections; and

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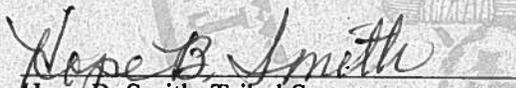
WHEREAS, the Bad River Band of Lake Superior Tribe of Chippewa Indians strongly opposes the development of a Gogebic Taconite LLC Iron ("GTAC") Mine in the Penokee Hills of Ashland and Iron Counties and the passage of the proposed mining legislation because of the devastating environmental effects it would have on the air, lands, forests, streams, rivers and wetlands of the Bad River Watershed, the Bad River Indian Reservation, and Lake Superior; and

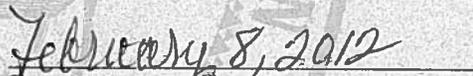
WHEREAS, the Ho-Chunk Nation wishes to support the Bad River Band of Lake Superior Tribe of Chippewa Indians efforts in combating this harmful mining legislation and stopping the GTAC mine by providing financial resources to the Band to continue these efforts.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature, pursuant to its Constitutional authority, authorizes a pledge of \$20,000.00 to be paid to the Bad River Band of Lake Superior Tribe of Chippewa Indians in a single payment so that the Band may continue its work to defeat the mining bill and stop the GTAC mine in Ashland and Iron Counties.

CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned, as Tribal Secretary of Ho-Chunk Nation, hereby certify that the Legislature of the Ho-Chunk Nation, composed of **13 members** of whom 10 constituting a quorum were present at a meeting duly called and convened and held that on the **8th day of February, 2012**, did not adopt the foregoing resolution at said meeting by an affirmative vote of **4 members, 5 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.


Hope B. Smith, Tribal Secretary


Date