



## HO-CHUNK NATION LEGISLATURE

*Governing Body of the Ho-Chunk Nation*

### HO-CHUNK NATION LEGISLATURE PLACING LITTLE BLACKHAWK PROPERTY INTO TRUST FOR THE HO-CHUNK NATION

#### RESOLUTION 02-21-12 H

- WHEREAS,** on November 1, 1994, the Secretary of the Interior approved a new Constitution for the Ho-Chunk Nation, formerly known as the Wisconsin Winnebago Nation; and
- WHEREAS,** the Ho-Chunk Nation ("Nation") is a federally recognized Indian Tribe, pursuant to the Indian Reorganization Act of 1934; and
- WHEREAS,** the Legislature of the Ho-Chunk Nation ("Legislature") is the duly constituted governing body of the Ho-Chunk Nation pursuant to the Constitution of the Nation ("Constitution"); and
- WHEREAS,** Article V, Section 2 (a) enables the Nation, through the Legislature, to make laws, including codes, ordinances, resolutions, and statutes; and
- WHEREAS,** Article V, Section 2 (k) of the Constitution of the Ho-Chunk Nation authorizes the Legislature to acquire or purchase lands for the benefit of the Nation and its members; and
- WHEREAS,** Article V, Section 2 (l) provides the Legislature with the power to enact laws to prevent the sale, disposition, or encumbrances of Ho-Chunk lands, or other Ho-Chunk assets; and
- WHEREAS,** The parcels identified herein and located in Jackson County, Wisconsin, have historical significance to the Ho-Chunk Nation and were purchased for community development and recreation; and
- WHEREAS,** the Plum Creek 147 property shall now be known as the Ho-Chunk Nation "Little Blackhawk" property; and
- WHEREAS,** if the parcel of land can be placed into trust status, the Legislature will be able to prevent further encumbrances to the property; and
- WHEREAS,** the Vice President is the official authorized by the Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature to execute the deeds for the property mentioned below; and

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**WHEREAS,** the Ho-Chunk Nation Land Use Plan pre-dates the acquisition of subject parcels, but the Nation proposes to use these properties for community development and recreation; and

**WHEREAS,** it has been proclaimed that the aforementioned property will not be used for gaming purposes; and

**WHEREAS,** the Secretary of Interior has the authority to place land into trust for Indians pursuant to the IRA (25 U.S.C. §465) and through the Bureau of Indian Affairs the Ho-Chunk Nation seeks to place subject parcel into Trust status.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature is applying to the United States Government to secure the assistance of the Bureau of Indian Affairs to place the following described parcel of land into trust status:

**Legal Description:**

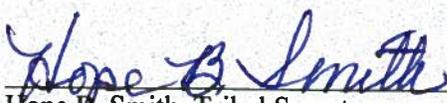
The Fractional North Half of the Northeast Quarter (Frac. N ½ of NE ¼) and that part of the Fractional North Half of the Northwest Quarter (Frac. N ½ of NW ¼) lying Southeasterly of State Trunk Highway "54" as now located and traveled as relocated in 1966, Section Four (4), Township Twenty-one (21) North, Range Three (3) West of the Fourth Principle Meridian, in the Town of Brockway, Jackson County, Wisconsin. Land being subject to State Trunk Highway "54".

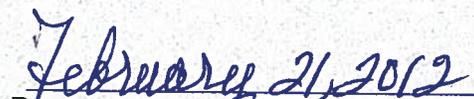
Property Address: W8591 State Hwy 54 W8797 State Hwy 54 Black River Falls, WI 54615

Tax Parcel Number: 010-0033.0000; 010-0034.0000; 010-037.0000 AND 010-0038.0000

**CERTIFICATION**

I, the undersigned, as Secretary of the Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature, 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 on the **21<sup>st</sup> day of February, 2012**, that the foregoing resolution was adopted at said meeting by an affirmative vote of **10 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.

  
Hope B. Smith, Tribal Secretary

  
Date