



## HO-CHUNK NATION LEGISLATURE

*Governing Body of the Ho-Chunk Nation*

### HO-CHUNK NATION LEGISLATURE PLACING AMENDMENTS OUT FOR 45 DAY PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING THE DOMESTIC ABUSE ACT

#### RESOLUTION 02-21-12 J

**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,** the Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature passed the *Domestic Abuse Act* (4 HCC § 5), which was last amended on March 20, 2008; and

**WHEREAS,** the *Domestic Abuse Act* amendments were collectively addressed and provided by the Department of Social Services, the Ho-Chunk Nation Safehouse, the Ho-Chunk Nation Police Department and the Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Justice to provide additional protections and to expand the current Ho-Chunk Nation jurisdiction and sovereign right to govern itself; and

**WHEREAS,** The *Legislative Organization Act* controls the process for amendments to laws of the Nation; and

**WHEREAS,** Section 31, subparagraph d (1) (a) of the *Legislative Organization Act* provides that the Public Review period will typically be forty-five days.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Legislature, pursuant to its Constitutional authority places the proposed amendments to the *Domestic Abuse Act* out for forty-five day public comment, to run from the date the proposed amendments are posted on the Nation's website.

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**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 **11** constituting a quorum were present at a meeting duly called and convened and held that on the **21<sup>st</sup> day of February, 2012**, that the foregoing resolution was adopted at said meeting by an affirmative vote of **11 members, 0 opposed, and 0 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*  
Hope B. Smith, Tribal Secretary

*February 21, 2012*  
Date

