



## HO-CHUNK NATION LEGISLATURE

*Governing Body of the Ho-Chunk Nation*

### HO-CHUNK NATION LEGISLATURE GRANT PROPOSAL TO U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TRIBAL TRANSIT PROGRAM

#### RESOLUTION 04-17-12D

- 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 Tribe; and
- WHEREAS,** the Ho-Chunk Nation is a federally recognized Indian Tribe, organized pursuant to the Indian Reorganization Act of 1934; and
- WHEREAS,** the Legislature of the Ho-Chunk Nation is the duly constituted governing body of the Ho-Chunk Nation pursuant to the Constitution of the Nation, and has been given certain powers pursuant to the Constitution of the Ho-Chunk Nation; 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 (i) of the Constitution of the Ho-Chunk Nation authorizes the Legislature to enter into contracts, and agreements with other governments, organizations, or individuals; and
- WHEREAS,** Article V, Section 2 (s) of the Constitution of the Ho-Chunk Nation authorizes the Legislature 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 individuals; and
- WHEREAS,** the Preamble of the Constitution of the Ho-Chunk Nation establishes the Nation's right to "advance the general welfare"; and
- WHEREAS,** the Ho-Chunk Nation's *10-Year Strategic Plan*, adopted in May 2002, identified the following transportation-related strategies: a) Community Health long-term strategy #3 - "Develop and establish a coordinated, collaborative transportation program to assist tribal members to access health care" and b) Youth Services strategy #5 - "Provide transportation for youth to participate in educational and recreational activities"; and

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**WHEREAS,** the Ho-Chunk Nation's rural, scattered land base creates a barrier to Ho-Chunk members' access to existing modes of public transportation; and

**WHEREAS,** the Ho-Chunk Nation has not had the resources to develop a *Public Transit Plan* to guide the Nation's development of future transportation services for Ho-Chunk members residing in and near Ho-Chunk communities in Wisconsin; and

**WHEREAS,** the Tribal Transit Program's grant funds will enable the Ho-Chunk Nation to contract for the services of a qualified consultant to develop the *Ho-Chunk Nation Public Transit Plan*; and

**WHEREAS,** the proposed *Public Transit Plan* will include a feasibility study to determine: a) the need for transit services, b) transit service recommendations, and c) the economic feasibility of providing such services.

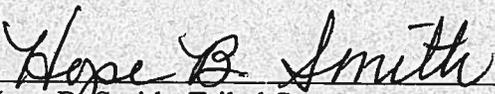
**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Legislature of the Ho-Chunk Nation hereby fully supports and authorizes the *Ho-Chunk Nation Public Transit Plan* grant proposal to be submitted by May 10, 2012, to the U. S. Department of Transportation, Tribal Transit Program, requesting \$25,000 in federal funding in order to promote the general welfare of Ho-Chunk members; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the Legislature commits to an allocation in matching Net Profit Distribution ("NPD") funding of \$30,000 to complete the project and develop the *Ho-Chunk Nation Law Public Transit Plan*; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Legislature authorizes and directs either the President or the Vice President to execute grant related documents and negotiate on behalf of the Ho-Chunk Nation.

#### CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned, as Secretary of the Ho-Chunk Nation, hereby certify that the Legislature of the Ho-Chunk Nation, composed of 13 members, of whom 13 constituted a quorum were present at a meeting duly called and convened this 17<sup>th</sup> day of April 2012, and that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted by an affirmative vote of 12 members, 0 opposed, and 1 abstaining, pursuant to the authority of Article V, Section 2 (a) and (x) of the Ho-Chunk Nation Constitution 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 copy of resolution.

  
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Hope B. Smith, Tribal Secretary

  
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