



HO-CHUNK NATION LEGISLATURE

Governing Body of the Ho-Chunk Nation

HO-CHUNK NATION LEGISLATURE ESTABLISHMENT OF HO-CHUNK NATION IMMERSION DAY CARE LEGISLATIVE TASK FORCE

RESOLUTION 12-06-11K

- WHEREAS,** on November 1, 1994, the United States Secretary of Interior approved a new Constitution of the Ho-Chunk Nation, formerly known as the Wisconsin Winnebago Nation; 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 Constitution of the Ho-Chunk Nation grants the Legislature to make laws, including codes, ordinances, resolutions, and statutes; and
- WHEREAS,** Article V, Section 2(b) of the Constitution grants the Legislature the power to establish Executive Departments, and to delegate legislative powers to the Executive branch to be administered by such Departments, in accordance with the law; any Department established by the Legislature shall be administered by the Executive; the Legislature reserves the power to review any action taken by virtue of such delegated power; 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 Ho-Chunk Nation *Legislative Organization Act*, 2 HCC §11, ("LOA") provides in Section 10 that an internal Work Group or Task Force may be established in order to assist the Legislature by providing information necessary to carry out Legislative law-making and oversight functions; and
- WHEREAS,** the Nation's *Open Meetings Act*, 2 HCC §2, contemplates that a Work Group or Task Force will be used as a temporary, short-term ad hoc body established by a governmental entity for a focused effort on a specific issue; and
- WHEREAS,** the LOA does not restrict Legislator(s) participation in a Ho-Chunk government task force(s) as an ex officio member when appointed by the Legislature, and

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WHEREAS, a motion was adopted by Legislative District 2 (Baraboo) constituents on October 10, 2011 to have the Legislature establish an Immersion Day Care Taskforce; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature deems it necessary and appropriate to form a Taskforce consisting of employees, staff and officials from the Executive Branch and Legislative Branch in order review the feasibility, necessity and costs associated with developing an Immersion Day Care for the Ho-Chunk Nation;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature, pursuant to its constitutional authority, hereby authorizes the creation of a Legislative Taskforce, focused on the potential development of an Immersion Day Care center for the Ho-Chunk Nation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that said Workgroup may consist of these members: any interested Legislators, such Legislative Aides and Staff as deemed necessary by Legislators, any Legislative Paralegal, Legislative Counsel or Attorney; also, staff from the Office of the President, as determined by the President; also, staff from the Nation's Department of Heritage Preservation and Language Program, or any other staff deemed necessary by the President; and any Department of Justice attorneys; and any other staff or employees invited by the Legislature; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Immersion Day Care Taskforce shall report on their activity and progress, in writing, to the Legislature after each meeting of the Taskforce; and

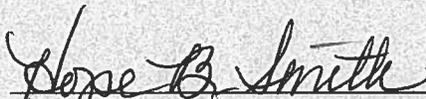
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature shall determine who shall take minutes or notes of meetings for the Taskforce, said minutes being available within 5 business days of each meeting; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Taskforce created herein shall not be considered a Public Body under the HCN Open Meetings Act and shall be not be required to adhere to Quorum requirements; and

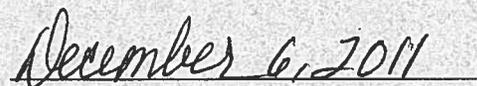
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Taskforce is authorized to begin meeting after adoption of this resolution.

CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned, as Tribal Secretary for the 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 on the **6th day of December, 2011**, that the foregoing resolution was adopted at said meeting by an affirmative vote of **10 members, 0 opposed, and 0 abstaining**, pursuant to the authority of Article V, Section 2(a) through (x) of the Constitution of the Ho-Chunk Nation 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 verified copy of said resolution.



Hope B. Smith, Tribal Secretary



Date