



HO-CHUNK NATION LEGISLATURE

Governing Body of the Ho-Chunk Nation

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STATEMENT OF INTENT AND CERTIFICATION TO
AMEND FY 2012 INDIAN HOUSING PLAN SUBMITTED BY
HO-CHUNK HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AGENCY (HHCDA)
AND HO-CHUNK NATION**

RESOLUTION 12-22-11A

- 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(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(d) of the Constitution grants the Legislature the power to authorize expenditures by law and appropriate funds to the various Departments in an annual budget; and
- WHEREAS,** Article V, Section 2(q) of the Constitution grants the Legislature the power to issue charters of incorporation, to charter corporations and other organizations for economic or other purposes, and to regulate their activities; 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's Tribally Designated Housing Entity is the Ho-Chunk Housing and Community Development Agency (HHCDA), whose mission is to foster a strong, healthy community, of which Ho-Chunk Nation members can be proud, by providing quality, affordable housing and programs that meet social, cultural, and community needs; and

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- WHEREAS,** HHCDA receives federal funds through entities such as the office of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), including the opportunity to obtain funds through the federal Indian Housing Block Grant Program (IHBG); and
- WHEREAS,** the IHBG is a formula federal grant that provides a range of affordable housing activities on Indian reservations and Indian areas, which is enabled by the Native American Housing Assistance and Self Determination Act of 1996 (NAHASDA); and
- WHEREAS,** eligible IHBG recipients are Federally recognized Indian tribes or their tribally designated housing entity (TDHE); and
- WHEREAS,** an eligible recipient must submit to HUD an Indian Housing Plan (IHP) each year to receive funding, and at the end of each year, recipients must submit to HUD an Annual Performance Report (APR) reporting on their progress in meeting the goals and objectives included in their IHP; and
- WHEREAS,** eligible activities include housing development, assistance to housing developed under the Indian Housing Program, housing services to eligible families and individuals, crime prevention and safety, and model activities that provide creative approaches to solving affordable housing problems; and
- WHEREAS,** as the Ho-Chunk Nation's tribally designated housing entity, HHCDA has received IHBG funding previously and continues to apply for funding on an annual basis, with support from the Nation's Legislature; and
- WHEREAS,** for FY 2012, HHCDA submitted an Indian Housing Plan to HUD which, after further consideration by the Legislature, should include additional program activities and priorities for the Nation and HHCDA, including a tribal member community center in the area of Mauston, Wisconsin, where tribal housing already exists; and
- WHEREAS,** under the applicable federal HUD regulations, and Section 103(c) of NAHASDA, a modification or revision to a tribal recipient's IHP may be submitted to HUD; and
- WHEREAS,** based on feedback from the community, the Legislature finds it appropriate to pursue the development of a community center within the Ho-Chunk community of Mauston, Wisconsin, where several tribal families already reside and do not have a community center;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature, pursuant to its Constitutional authority, states the Nation's intent to submit an amendment, modification or revision to the 2012 IHP previously submitted by HHCDA to HUD, to include a community center in Mauston, Wisconsin to serve the tribal membership in that area;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that HHCDA is requested to take the necessary steps to begin drafting the 2012 IHP revision in accordance with this Resolution and through collaboration between the Legislature, Executive Branch and tribal community members from the Mauston area;

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 11 constituting a quorum were present at a meeting duly called and convened and held on the **22nd day of December, 2011**, adopted the foregoing resolution at said meeting by an affirmative vote of **8 members, 0 opposed, and 3 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

December 22, 2011
Date

