HO-CHUNK NATION LEGISLATURE

Governing Body of the Ho-Chunk Nation

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ESTABLISHMENT & AUTHORIZATION OF EDUCATION CODE TASK FORCE

RESOLUTION 1-18-11 F

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 statues; and

WHEREAS, Article V, Section 2 (i) of the Constitution grants the Legislature the power to negotiate and enter into treaties, compacts, contracts, and agreements with other governments, organizations, or individuals; 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, the Legislative Organization Act 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

WHEREAS, the Open Meetings act defines a Task Force as a "Public Body" as a temporary short-term ad hoc body established by a governmental entity for the focused effort on a specific issue, and

WHEREAS, the Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature deems that an Education Code is required to stabilize the Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Education's various Programs, Scholarships, including the Josephine P. WhiteEagle Scholarship/Fellowship, Committees, Head Start, Educational Institutions, Veteran Programs, Requirements, Procedures, applicability and other services so that continuous services are provided fairly and openly; and

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WHEREAS, the Legislature finds it necessary to create an Education Code in order to update the terms and conditions and to improve Educational services to the Nation, its members, and families; and

WHEREAS, a legitimate goal of the Ho-Chunk Nation leadership is to ensure that services and assets of the Nation are protected by law; and

WHEREAS, a Ho-Chunk Nation Education Task Force can be established to collaborate the drafting and implementation of the Education Code to work mutually with the various Ho-Chunk Nation Tribal Departments and the Legislative Branch for development of the Education Code; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature, pursuant to its constitutional authority, hereby authorizes the creation of a Ho-Chunk Nation Education Task Force, consisting of these members: Executive Director of Education, Employee from the Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Labor, Employee from the Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Personnel, a Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Justice Attorney, the Education Department Financial Aid Officer and the Education Department Planning Specialist, an honorary family member of the Josephine P. WhiteEagle family, any available members of the Legislature, Office of Legislative Counsel, and a Legislative staff member who is responsible for the official minutes of each task force meeting and for distributing those minutes to each of the task force members within 3 business days of each meeting, including any potential sub-committees that may be formed as a result of this task force.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Task Force 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

CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned, as Tribal 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 **18th** day of **January , 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 — January 18, 2011

Hope B. Smith, Tribal Secretary — Date

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