



HO-CHUNK NATION LEGISLATURE

Governing Body of the Ho-Chunk Nation

ESTABLISHMENT OF LEGISLATIVE WORKGROUP TO UPDATE THE LEGISLATIVE ORGANIZATION ACT AND LEGISLATIVE PROCEDURES

RESOLUTION 03-09-11 E

- 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 (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 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
- WHEREAS,** the Legislature deems it necessary and appropriate to review and update the Legislative Organization Act; and
- WHEREAS,** the Legislative Administration Committee has held several Special Meetings for the purpose of reviewing the Legislative Organization Act; and
- WHEREAS,** the time needed to review and update the LOA and the Legislative Office procedures are more appropriate for a Legislative Workgroup to focus their efforts upon, with the inclusion of appropriate staff and Legislators; and

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WHEREAS, a Work Group focused on the LOA and Legislative Office procedures will have the flexibility to meet and make revisions and, ultimately, recommendations to the Legislative Administration Committee or full Legislature;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature, pursuant to its constitutional authority, hereby authorizes the creation of Legislative Organization Act (LOA) Work Group, consisting of these members: any interested Legislators, the Legislative Chief of Staff, such Legislative Aides as deemed necessary by the Chief of Staff and Legislators, any Legislative Paralegal, Legislative Counsel or Attorney, and any other Legislative Staff; also, staff from the Office of the President, as determined by the President; also, any other staff or employees invited by the Legislature or Chief of Staff; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the LOA Work Group shall report on their activity and progress to the Legislative Administration Committee and Legislative Subcommittee of Officers after each meeting of the Work Group; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the LOA Work Group shall submit proposed amendments to the LOA, along with updated Legislative Office procedures, to the Legislative Administration Committee by April 7, 2011, or as otherwise directed by motion of the Administration Committee or full Legislature; and

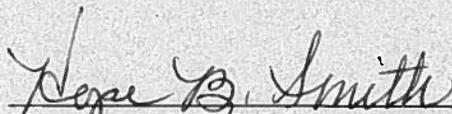
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Chief of Staff shall determine who shall take minutes of meetings for the LOA Work Group, said minutes being available for members of the Work Group within 5 business days of each meeting; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Work Group 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

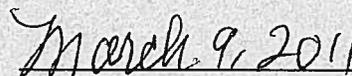
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the LOA Work Group is authorized to begin meeting after adoption of this resolution.

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 12 constituting a quorum were present at a meeting duly called and convened and held on the 9th day of March, 2011, that the foregoing resolution was adopted at said meeting by an affirmative vote of 11 members, 0 opposed, and 1 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