



## HO-CHUNK NATION LEGISLATURE

*Governing Body of the Ho-Chunk Nation*

**HO-CHUNK NATION LEGISLATURE  
RESOLUTION DECLARING SUPPORT  
OF THE  
NATIVE AMERICAN VETERANS  
MEMORIAL INITIATIVE  
Resolution 03-09-11 G**

- 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(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(r) of the Constitution grants the Legislature the power to protect and foster Ho-Chunk religious freedom, culture, language, and traditions; and
- WHEREAS,** Nearly 90% of the 86,000 Native American enlisted men and women during the Vietnam Era volunteered with over half of seeing combat, creating the greatest per capita soldiers of any ethnic group; and
- WHEREAS,** The Ho-Chunk Nation recognizes its Warriors, or Hoocak Maa Na Pe, with great respect and honor; and
- WHEREAS,** A bronze statue, titled "The Three Soldiers" ("statue") currently is displayed in Washington D.C. to complement the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, commonly known as "The Wall"; and
- WHEREAS,** The three soldiers depict the American Soldier in differing Service Branch uniform and ethnicities; and
- WHEREAS,** The Native American Veterans Memorial Initiative ("NAVMI") will allow for funding to include a statue depicting a Native American Military Soldier to be added to the current soldiers depicted in the statue.
- WHEREAS,** NAVMI is requesting support of the initiative;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Ho-Chunk Nation declares its support of the Native American Veterans Memorial Initiative in its endeavor to add a Native American Military Soldier to the current soldiers depicted in the statue "The Three Soldiers" and:

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that this resolution shall be sent to the Native American Veterans Memorial Initiative upon ratification.

### CERTIFICATION

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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 12 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*  
Hope B. Smith, Tribal Secretary

*March 9, 2011*  
Date

