



## HO-CHUNK NATION LEGISLATURE

*Governing Body of the Ho-Chunk Nation*

### HO-CHUNK NATION LEGISLATURE ELDER APPRECIATION CHRISTMAS GRANT

#### RESOLUTION 11-8-11P

**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(d) of the Constitution grants the Legislature to authorize expenditures by law and appropriate funds to the various Departments in an annual budget; 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**, 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

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**WHEREAS**, the Charitable Request Act (4 HCC § 8) establishes the Elder Assistance Fund and provides that it “shall be reserved to only fund grants and other types of assistance benefiting the Nation’s Elders.”

**WHEREAS**, the Charitable Request Act defines an elder as any person who is sixty years of age or more and who is an enrolled member of the Ho-Chunk Nation.

**WHEREAS**, the Legislature believes that supporting the Nation’s elders is one of its highest priorities.

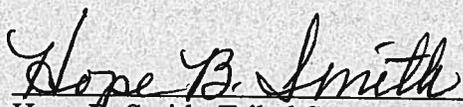
**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Legislature, pursuant to its Constitutional authority, provides a charitable donation to each elder of the Nation in the amount of \$150.00.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the donation shall be taken out of the Elder Assistance line item in the General Fund.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that an individual shall only be eligible for this donation if he or she is an enrolled member of the Nation and over the age of sixty as of December 25, 2011.

#### **CERTIFICATION**

I, the undersigned, as Tribal Secretary of Ho-Chunk Nation, hereby certifies that the Legislature of the Ho-Chunk Nation, composed of **13 members** of whom **8** constituting a quorum were present at a meeting duly called and convened and held that on the **8<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2011**, that the foregoing resolution was adopted at said meeting by an affirmative vote of **8 members, 0 opposed, and 0 abstaining**, pursuant to the 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 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, Tribal Secretary

  
Date