



HO-CHUNK NATION LEGISLATURE

Governing Body of the Ho-Chunk Nation

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RESOLUTION 09-06-11I

WHEREAS, on November 1, 1994, the Secretary of the Interior approved a new Constitution for the Ho-Chunk Nation, formerly known as the Wisconsin Winnebago Nation; and

WHEREAS, the Ho-Chunk Nation ("Nation") is a federally recognized Indian Tribe, pursuant to the Indian Reorganization Act of 1934; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature of the Ho-Chunk Nation ("Legislature") is the duly constituted governing body of the Ho-Chunk Nation pursuant to the Constitution of the Nation ("Constitution"); and

WHEREAS, Article V, Section 2 (a) enables the Nation, through the Legislature, to make laws, including codes, ordinances, resolutions and statutes; and

WHEREAS, Article V, Section 2 (i) enables the Nation, through the Legislature, to negotiate and enter into treaties, compacts, contracts, and agreements with other governments, organizations, or individuals; and

WHEREAS, Article V, Section 2 (r) enables the Nation, through the Legislature, to protect and foster Ho-Chunk religious freedom, culture, language, and traditions; and

WHEREAS, Article V, Section 2 (s) of the Constitution enables the Nation, through the Legislature, to promote public health, education, charity and such other services as may contribute to the social advancement of the members of the Nation; and

WHEREAS, children of the Nation are at risk for being abused, neglected or exploited due to a multitude of economic, social and psychological factors; and

WHEREAS, the Nation's Division of Child and Family Services works with the Nation's children and their families in planning, implementing and evaluating effective strategies designed to meet protective needs, provide

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supportive services to families at risk, and to initiate the process of effective reunification of children back into their families or individuals cited in the Order of Preference of the HOCAK NATION CHILDREN AND FAMILY ACT (4 HCC § 3); and

WHEREAS, the Jackson County Department of Health and Human Services is a comprehensive county agency governed by a Health and Human Services Board, which is a component of a full County Board, and provides a wide variety of services, some of which are geared towards the protection of children and juveniles, including Ho-Chunk children and juveniles; and

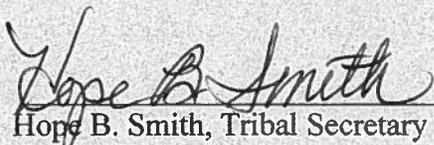
WHEREAS, the primary outcome intended by this agreement is to continue to enhance the planning, coordination and delivery of services between Jackson County Department of Health and Human Services; the Nation's Division of Child and Family Services and eligible or enrolled tribal members; and

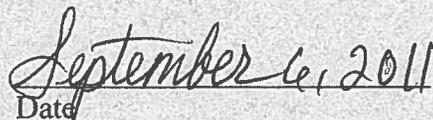
WHEREAS, the Memorandum of Understanding, hereby attached, is intended to accomplish the aforementioned outcome by establishing clear and specific roles, responsibilities, and timelines to facilitate best practices between the two agencies.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Legislature authorizes the Nation's President or Vice-President to execute the attached Memorandum of Understanding with Jackson County Department of Health and Human Services for the purpose of ensuring the most culturally appropriate and effective services are being offered to the Nation's families.

CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned, as Secretary of the Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature, 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 this **6th day of September, 2011**, that the foregoing resolution was adopted at said meeting by an affirmative vote of **11 members, 0 opposed, and 0 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, Tribal Secretary


Date