



HO-CHUNK NATION LEGISLATURE

Governing Body of the Ho-Chunk Nation

HO-CHUNK NATION LEGISLATURE GRANT PROPOSAL TO U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TRIBAL TRANSIT PROGRAM

RESOLUTION 09-06-11K

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 Tribe; and

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

WHEREAS, the Legislature of the Ho-Chunk Nation is the duly constituted governing body of the Ho-Chunk Nation pursuant to the Constitution of the Nation, and has been given certain powers pursuant to the Constitution of the Ho-Chunk Nation; 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) of the Constitution of the Ho-Chunk Nation authorizes the Legislature to enter into contracts, and agreements with other governments, organizations, or individuals; and

WHEREAS, Article V, Section 2 (s) of the Constitution of the Ho-Chunk Nation authorizes the Legislature 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 individuals; and

WHEREAS, the Preamble of the Constitution of the Ho-Chunk Nation establishes the Nation's right to "advance the general welfare"; and

WHEREAS, the Ho-Chunk Nation's *10-Year Strategic Plan*, adopted in May 2002, identified the following transportation-related strategies: a) Community Health long-term strategy #3 - "Develop and establish a coordinated, collaborative transportation program to assist tribal members to access health care" and b) Youth Services strategy #5 - "Provide transportation for youth to participate in educational and recreational activities"; and

WHEREAS, the Ho-Chunk Nation's rural, scattered land base creates a barrier to Ho-Chunk members' access to existing modes of public transportation; and

Executive Offices

W9814 Airport Road P.O. Box 667 Black River Falls, WI 54615
(715) 284-9343 Fax (715) 284-3172 (800) 294-9343

WHEREAS, the Ho-Chunk Nation has not had the resources to develop a *Public Transit Plan* to guide the Nation's development of future transportation services for Ho-Chunk members residing in and near Ho-Chunk communities in Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Transit Program's grant funds will enable the Ho-Chunk Nation to contract for the services of a qualified consultant to develop the *Ho-Chunk Nation Public Transit Plan*; and

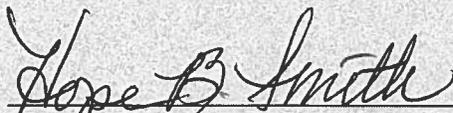
WHEREAS, the proposed *Public Transit Plan* will include a feasibility study to determine: a) the need for transit services, b) transit service recommendations, and c) the economic feasibility of providing such services.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Legislature of the Ho-Chunk Nation hereby fully supports and authorizes the *Ho-Chunk Nation Public Transit Plan* grant proposal to be submitted by September 26, 2011, to the U. S. Department of Transportation, Tribal Transit Program, requesting federal funding in order to promote the general welfare of Ho-Chunk members; and

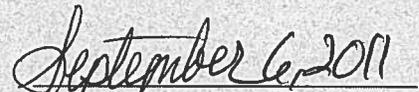
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature authorizes and directs either the President or the Vice President to execute grant related documents and negotiate on behalf of the Ho-Chunk Nation.

CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned, as Secretary of the Ho-Chunk Nation, hereby certify that the Legislature of the Ho-Chunk Nation, composed of 13 members, of whom 11 constituted a quorum were present at a meeting duly called and convened this 6th day of September, 2011, and that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted by an affirmative vote of 11 members, 0 opposed, and 0 abstaining, pursuant to the authority of Article V, Section 2 (a) and (x) of the Ho-Chunk Nation Constitution 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 copy of resolution.



Hope B. Smith, Tribal Secretary



Date