HO-CHUNK NATION LEGISLATURE

Governing Body of the Ho-Chunk Nation

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AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO 2009-2012
TRIBAL PROGRAM CONTRACT FOR THE BEST OUTCOMES
FOR INDIAN CHILDREN PROJECT BY AND BETWEEN THE WISCONSIN
DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES AND THE HO-CHUNK NATION
RESOLUTION 4-06-10 A

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(f) of the Constitution grants the Legislature the power to set the salaries, terms and conditions of employment for all governmental personnel; 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(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

WHEREAS, the Midwest Child Welfare Implementation Center (MCWIC) provides an opportunity for the Wisconsin Department of Children and Families (DCF) to initiate systemic changes to the child welfare system to effectively implement the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA). This grant proposal resulted from the passage of Wisconsin state legislation that codified the federal ICWA requirements into Wisconsin state law to provide clear state direction for implementation of ICWA requirements into state law to provide clear direction for implementation of ICWA and foster collaboration between public and private child welfare agencies, courts and tribes to improve compliance with ICWA in Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS, the initiative will attempt to accomplish two goals:

(1) Assist state, county and private child welfare agencies along with courts in responding appropriately, effectively, and consistently to ICWA requirements through the development and introduction of training materials, standardized case practice tools, child welfare principles and policies designed to improve ICWA compliance;
(2) Strengthen the partnership between the Ho-Chunk Nation and the child welfare services to advance the quality and effectiveness of state, county and tribal child welfare services to better serve Ho-Chunk Nation children and families across Wisconsin; and

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WHEREAS, the Legislature has reviewed a proposal entitled "2009 -2012 Tribal Program Contract for the Best Outcomes for Indian Children Project by and between the Department of Children and Families and the Ho-Chunk Nation." A copy of which is attached hereto and incorporated by reference as if fully set forth herein within this Resolution; and

WHEREAS, this proposal was referred to and reviewed by the Finance Committee and it passed a motion at its March 31, 2010 session to send this matter back to the Legislature with a Resolution to enter into the agreement.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Legislature, pursuant to its Constitutional authority, authorizes President Wilfrid Cleveland to sign all necessary legal documents to enter into the aforementioned agreement by and between the Wisconsin Department of Children and Families and the Ho-Chunk Nation.

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 **9** constituting a quorum were present at a meeting duly called and convened and held that on the **6th day of April, 2010**, that the foregoing resolution was adopted at said meeting by an affirmative vote of **8 members, 0 opposed, and 1 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 4-06-10

Hope B. Smith, Tribal Secretary Date