



## HO-CHUNK NATION LEGISLATURE

*Governing Body of the Ho-Chunk Nation*

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HO-CHUNK NATION PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT  
PROGRAM-OFFICE OF INDIAN EDUCATION  
FOUR YEAR GRANT REQUEST  
RESOLUTION 2-17-09 I**

- 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 Nation; and
- WHEREAS,** the Ho-Chunk Nation ("Nation") is a federally recognized Indian Tribe organized pursuant to the Indian Reorganization Act of 1934; and
- WHEREAS,** Article V, Section 2 (a) of the Ho-Chunk Nation Constitution ("Constitution") grants the 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 agreements with other governments, organizations, or individuals; and
- WHEREAS,** the Office of Indian Education will provide for multi-year funding in the amount of up to \$300,000.00 annually for four (4) years under CFDA # 84.299B-Indian Education Professional Development Program; and
- WHEREAS,** the research evidence documents the urgent need to diversify teacher education program is mounting. For example, Byrne, (2007) reports that the 89<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of American Council on Education, will focus on "The Access Imperative", which examines ways of improving access to higher education for students from low-income families and members of the Ho-Chunk Nation; and
- WHEREAS,** by 2018, the research projections show that more than 1 in 5 Wisconsin high school graduates will be non-white (Huh,2004:1)
- WHEREAS,** the Ho-Chunk Nation is committed to providing professional development training to teacher trainees who will provide educational interventions to the Ho-Chunk Tribal Youth who represent the Nation's most valuable resource; and
- WHEREAS,** the Ho-Chunk Nation needs a multi-faceted professional development project designed to infuse the teaching of the Ho-Chunk Nation language, history and culture as reinforcement tools to promote optimal student learning and language preservation; and
- WHEREAS,** the Ho-Chunk Nation Professional Development Project under Memorandum of Agreements, will collaborate with the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire, University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point, University of Wisconsin-River Falls, and the University of Wisconsin-Baraboo to:

- (1) increase the number of qualified Indian individuals in professions that serve Indians;
- (2) provide training to qualified Indian individuals to become teachers, administrators, teacher aides, social workers, and ancillary educational personnel; and
- (3) improve the skills of qualified Indian individuals who serve in the education field.

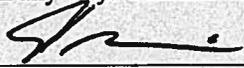
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**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Ho-Chunk Nation, through the actions of the Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature, fully recognizes the findings of research noting the urgent need to diversify teacher education programs to meet the increasing culturally and linguistically diverse training needs of the Ho-Chunk Nation teachers and fully supports the content and design of the Ho-Chunk Nation Professional Development Project.

**CERTIFICATION**

I, the undersigned, as Tribal Secretary of the Ho-Chunk Nation, hereby certify that the Legislature of the Ho-Chunk Nation, composed of **11 members** of whom **9** constituting a quorum were present at a meeting duly called and convened and held on the **17<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2009**, that the foregoing resolution was adopted at said meeting by an affirmative vote of **9 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.

  
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Elliott Garvin, Tribal Secretary

2-17-09  
Date

