



HO-CHUNK NATION LEGISLATURE

Governing Body of the Ho-Chunk Nation

HO-CHUNK NATION LEGISLATURE HO-CHUNK NATION MONTESSORI SCHOOL READINESS PROJECT RESOLUTION 2-17-09 J

- 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,** Article V, Section 2(a) of the Ho-Chunk Nation Constitution ("Constitution") grants the Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature ("Legislature") the power to make laws, including codes, ordinances, resolutions, and statutes; and
- WHEREAS,** Article V, Section 2 (l) of the Constitution grants the Legislature the power to enact laws to manage, lease, permit, or otherwise deal with the Nation's lands, interests in lands or other assets; and
- WHEREAS,** the cognitive development of children ages 3 to 4 years presents the period when the human mind is most absorbent and is the ideal age to assist the development of brain pathways of a child when they are in this "sensitive period" for absorbing language, both spoken and written; and
- WHEREAS,** the Ho-Chunk Nation is committed to provide educational interventions to the Ho-Chunk Nation Tribal Youth who represent the Nation's most valuable resource; and
- WHEREAS,** the American Montessori Society is a multi-faceted educational environment designed which to utilize sequential work stations that will enable Ho-Chunk Nation Youth to develop social, emotional, spiritual, physical, motor and cognitive development; and
- WHEREAS,** the Office of Indian Education will provide for multi-year funding up to \$300,000.00 per year for four (4) years under CFDA # 84.299A-Indian Education Demonstration Grant Program; and
- WHEREAS,** the Ho-Chunk Nation Montessori School Readiness Project will infuse the teaching of the Ho-Chunk Nation language as a reinforcing tool to promote early-childhood learning and language preservation.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Ho-Chunk Nation, through the actions of the Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature, fully recognizes the findings of Dr. Montessori, who characterized the 3 to 4 year old child as possessing an extraordinary capacity and the ability to absorb information from his or her surroundings. Dr. Montessori named this quality "the absorbent mind" and fully supports the contents and design of the Ho-Chunk Nation Montessori School Readiness Project.

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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 17th 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.



Elliott Garvin, Tribal Secretary

2-17-09
Date

