



HO-CHUNK NATION LEGISLATURE

Governing Body of the Ho-Chunk Nation

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KINGSLEY BEND MOUNDS RESTORATION PROJECT
GRANT PROPOSAL TO NATIONAL PARK SERVICE (NPS)
FY 2009 HISTORIC PRESERVATION FUND GRANT APPLICATION
RESOLUTION 1-06-09 B**

- 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 ("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 Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature ("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 enter into contracts, and agreements with other governments, organizations, or individuals; and
- WHEREAS,** the Preamble of the Constitution of the Ho-Chunk Nation establishes the Nation's right to "*sustain our culture*" and "*promote our traditions*"; and
- WHEREAS,** the Ho-Chunk Nation's *10-Year Strategic Plan* identified the need for "greater spiritual and cultural awareness among Ho-Chunk youth, families, and communities" as the most critical Cultural and Heritage Preservation issue facing the Nation; and
- WHEREAS,** the Nation's Kingsley Bend property, located on the south side of State Highway 16 in the Town of Newton, Columbia County, Wisconsin, contains several mounds that are the sacred burial sites of our Ho-Chunk ancestors and a tangible link to our past; and
- WHEREAS,** the Kingsley Bend Mound Group is listed in the National Register of Historic Places and is in need of urgent restoration in order to stabilize and maintain the integrity of the mounds; and
- WHEREAS,** the Ho-Chunk Nation's Department of Heritage Preservation exists to preserve and protect cultural, religious, and historical resources; and
- WHEREAS,** the NPS HISTORIC PRESERVATION FUND grant funds will provide the Ho-Chunk Nation the opportunity to properly restore and maintain the Kingsley Bend Mound Group for the benefit of Ho-Chunk people.

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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Legislative body of the Ho-Chunk Nation hereby approves the *Ho-Chunk Nation Kingsley Bend Mounds Restoration Project* grant proposal to be submitted in January 2009 to the National Park Service requesting federal funding in order to preserve and protect the cultural, religious, and historical resources of the Ho-Chunk Nation; commits to an in-kind allocation for eighteen (18) months from the Department of Heritage Preservation's budget to ensure the success of the *Ho-Chunk Nation Kingsley Bend Mounds Restoration Project*; assures that a sign acknowledging NPS assistance will be erected at the site; certifies that the property will be maintained in perpetuity; and authorizes and directs the President or the Vice President to execute documents and negotiate on behalf of the Ho-Chunk Nation.

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 7 constituting a quorum were present at a meeting duly called and convened and held on the 6th day of January 2009, and that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted by an affirmative vote of 6 members, 1 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 verified copy of said resolution.



Elliott Garvin, Tribal Secretary

1-6-09

Date

