



HO-CHUNK NATION LEGISLATURE

Governing Body of the Ho-Chunk Nation

**HO-CHUNK NATION LEGISLATURE
DEPARTMENT OF VETERAN AFFAIRS CHAPLAIN SERVICES
TRADITIONAL HEALING PRACTITIONERS
RESOLUTION 4-07-09 C**

- 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, 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(r) of the Constitution grants the Legislature the power to protect and foster Ho-Chunk religious freedom, culture, language, and traditions; and
- WHEREAS,** Article V, Section 2(s) of the Constitution grants the Legislature the power 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; and
- WHEREAS,** Article V, Section 2(w) of the Constitution grants the Legislature the power to enact laws to regulate hunting, fishing, trapping, recreation and all other related activities on lands within the Nation's jurisdiction; 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 United States Department of Veteran Affairs is committed to the policy of protecting and preserving for American Indian their inherent right of freedom to believe, express, and exercise their traditional religions.
- WHEREAS,** in carrying out this policy, the Tomah Veteran Affairs Medical Center has requested information on Traditional Healing Practitioners of the Ho-Chunk Nation who would be available to provide traditional services to interested veteran patients.
- WHEREAS,** the Traditional Court has designated James Greendeer, Richard Mann, Andy Thundercloud, Cleland Goodbear and Wayne Falcon as Traditional Practitioners to provide traditional services to Native American patients at the Tomah VA Medical Center.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature, pursuant to its Constitutional authority hereby acknowledges James Greendeer, Richard Mann, Andy Thundercloud, Cleland Goodbear and Wayne Falcon as Traditional Healing Practitioners on behalf of the Ho-Chunk Nation as recognized by the Ho-Chunk Nation Traditional Court.

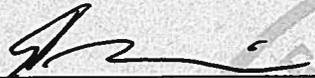
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the President or Vice-President is hereby authorized to sign the cover letter to the Director of the Department of Veterans Affairs Chaplain Service to carry out this directive.

CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned, as Tribal Secretary for 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 7th day of April, 2009, that the foregoing resolution was adopted at said meeting by an affirmative vote of 8 members, 0 opposed, and 1 abstaining, pursuant to the authority of 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 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

4-7-09

Date

