



HO-CHUNK NATION LEGISLATURE

Governing Body of the Ho-Chunk Nation

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AUTHORIZATION OF HHCDA TO APPLY FOR
2009 ARRA NATIVE AMERICAN HOUSING
BLOCK GRANT COMPETITIVE GRANTS
RESOLUTION 6-03-09 D**

- 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- WHEREAS,** in October 1997, the federal Housing Act of 1937, as it applies to tribes, was superseded by H.R. 3219, the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996 ("NAHASDA"), with the majority of NAHASDA funds to tribes coming in the form of an annual Indian Housing Block Grant that is earmarked for affordable housing purposes; and
- WHEREAS,** NAHASDA requires that Indian tribes designate a Tribally Designated Housing Entity ("TDHE") as the recipient of annual Indian Housing Block Grant (IHBG) funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development ("HUD") under NAHASDA; and
- WHEREAS,** the Legislature, by Resolution No. 4-07-04 A, designated Ho-Chunk Housing and Community Development Agency (HHCDA) to be the Nation's TDHE and recipient of IHBG funds; and
- WHEREAS,** the Ho-Chunk Nation and HHCDA have received a Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) from HUD for the Native American Housing Block Grant Program under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009 (Catalog of Federal Assistance Number 14.887 and Federal Funding Opportunity Number FR-5317-N-01), through which new construction and energy conservation retrofit investments can be funded; and
- WHEREAS,** HHCDA, HCN, and tribal members agree that there is a critical need for additional and more affordable housing in the HHCDA Formula Area, available to low- and moderate-income HCN and other AIAN residents of the tribal community, in addition to a need of those residents for additional employment opportunities, to help improve their standard of living; and
- WHEREAS,** in order to help meet the essential community needs for affordable housing in the HCN tribal communities, HHCDA plans to construct or acquire housing units for eligible low-income AIAN members in the areas that are in need of this service, in addition to providing community park areas in Sandpillow and Potch Chee Nunk, to enhance the quality of life; and

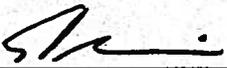
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature authorizes HHCDA, as the Nation's TDHE, to apply for Native American Housing Block Grant funding of up to \$6,000,000 of ARRA funding (two grants of \$3,000,000 each), and provides its full support to the HHCDA grant program and the opportunities it will provide to the Nation, its members, and other AIAN people in the area, through the HUD Office of Native American Programs.

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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 **8** constituting a quorum were present at a meeting duly called and convened and held on the **3rd day of June, 2009**, that the foregoing resolution was adopted at said meeting by an affirmative vote **7 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

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Date

