# HO-CHUNK NATION LEGISLATURE

*Governing Body of the Ho-Chunk Nation*

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**SELECTION OF PRESIDING OFFICERS FOR**
**STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE LEGISLATURE**
**RESOLUTION 6-23-09 E**

**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, pursuant to the Indian Reorganization Act of 1934; and

**WHEREAS,** Article V, Section 2(a) of the Ho-Chunk Nation Constitution ("Constitution") gives the Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature ("Legislature") the power to make laws, including codes, ordinances, resolutions, and statutes; and

**WHEREAS,** Article V, Section 2(f) of the Constitution grants the Legislature the power to set the salaries, terms and conditions of employment for all governmental personnel; and

**WHEREAS,** Article V, Section 2(g) of the Constitution grants the Legislature the authority to set its own procedures, select its officers, and to enact laws governing attendance of its members, including penalties for absences; 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 Legislature passed the *Legislative Organization Act* (2 HCC § 11); and

**WHEREAS,** one of the purposes of the *Legislative Organization Act* is to "[t]his Act is enacted to establish procedures and rules to govern individual and collective actions of members of the Legislature and to establish uniformity in the proceedings of Legislative business, thereby increasing the efficiency of the Legislature."; and

**WHEREAS,** Section 12, subparagraph a. of the *Legislative Organization Act* provides "[t]he Standing Legislative Committees of the Legislature shall be the Administration, Finance, and Development Committees."; and

**WHEREAS,** Section 14 of the *Legislative Organization Act* provides "[t]he Legislature will select a Presiding Officer and a Second Presiding Officer for each Standing Legislative Committee . . . Presiding Officers and Second Presiding Officers shall serve in this capacity:

**WHEREAS,** Section 14 of the *Legislative Organization Act* also provides that Presiding Officers length of service as Presiding Officers shall be two years beginning in August 1, 2008; and

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**WHEREAS,** Section 14, subparagraph d. of the *Legislative Organization Act* provides "[t]he Legislature shall select another member to serve in the capacity as Presiding Officer and Second Presiding Officer at the Legislative Session before the end of the term of the current officers or whenever there is a permanent vacancy. If a Legislator is selected to fill a permanent vacancy, the selected Legislator shall only serve out the remainder of the term."; and

**WHEREAS,** District 4 Representative Alvin Cloud is currently the Presiding Officer of the Development Committee until August 1, 2010 and his term on the Legislature is set to expire prior to the next Legislative Session; and

**WHEREAS,** District 4 Representative Ona Garvin is currently the Second Presiding Officer of the Finance Committee until August 1, 2010 and her term on the Legislature is set to expire prior to the next Legislative Session; and

**WHEREAS,** Vice President Daniel Brown is currently the Second Presiding Officer of the Administration Committee until August 1, 2010; and

**WHEREAS,** as a result of the Redistricting Special Election, Vice President Daniel Brown will be the sole representative of District 4 and, therefore, must serve as a member of the Administration Committee and cannot continue to serve as its Second Presiding Officer.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Legislature, pursuant to its Constitutional authority, selects District 1 Representative Douglas Greengrass as the Presiding Officer and District 2 Representative Roberta Decorah as the Second Presiding Officer of the Development Committee until August 1, 2010; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the Legislature, pursuant to its Constitutional authority, selects District 3 Representative Lawrence Walker Jr. to be the Second Presiding Officer of the Finance Committee until August 1, 2010; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the Legislature, pursuant to its Constitutional authority, selects District 5 Representative Greg Littlejohn to be the Second Presiding Officer of the Administration Committee until August 1, 2010.

**CERTIFICATION**

I, the undersigned, as Tribal Secretary of Ho-Chunk Nation, hereby certifies that the Legislature of the Ho-Chunk Nation, composed of **11 members** of whom **11** constituting a quorum were present at a meeting duly called and convened and held that on the **23rd day of June, 2009**, that the foregoing resolution was adopted at said meeting by an affirmative vote of **11 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

6-23-09
Date