



HO-CHUNK NATION LEGISLATURE

Governing Body of the Ho-Chunk Nation

HO-CHUNK NATION LEGISLATURE 2010 CENSUS PARTNER PROCLAMATION RESOLUTION 7-07-09 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, 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(i) of the Constitution grants the Legislature the power to negotiate and enter into treaties, compacts, contracts, and agreements with other governments, organizations, or individuals; 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,** an accurate census count is vital to our community and residents' well-being by helping planners determine where to locate schools, day-care centers, roads and public transportation, hospitals and other facilities, and is used to make decisions concerning business growth and housing needs; and
- WHEREAS,** more than \$300 billion per year in federal and state funding is allocated to states and communities based on census data; and
- WHEREAS,** census data ensures fair Congressional representation by determining how many seats each state will have in the U.S. House of Representatives as well as the redistricting of state legislatures, county and city councils, and voting districts; and
- WHEREAS,** the 2010 Census creates jobs that stimulate economic growth and increase employment opportunities in our community; and
- WHEREAS,** the information collected by the census is protected by law and remains confidential for 72 years;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature proclaims that the Ho-Chunk Nation is committed to partnering with the U.S. Census Bureau to help ensure a full and accurate count in 2010.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that as a 2010 Census partner, the Ho-Chunk Nation will:

1. Support the goals and ideals for the 2010 Census and will disseminate 2010 Census information to encourage those in our community to participate.

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2. Encourage people in the Ho-Chunk Nation to place an emphasis on the 2010 Census and participate in events and initiatives that will raise overall awareness of the 2010 Census and ensure a full and accurate census.
3. Support census takers as they help our community complete an accurate count.
4. Create or seek opportunities to collaborate with other like-minded groups in our community, such as complete count committees, to utilize high-profile, trusted voices to advocate on behalf of the 2010 Census.

CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned, as Tribal Secretary for the Ho-Chunk Nation, hereby certify that the Legislature of the Ho-Chunk Nation, composed of 13 members, of whom 13 constituting a quorum were present at a meeting duly called and convened and held on the 7th day of July, 2009, that the foregoing resolution was adopted at said meeting by an affirmative vote of 11 members, 0 opposed, and 2 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.

Hope B. Smith
Hope B. Smith, Tribal Secretary

7-07-09
Date

