HO-CHUNK NATION LEGISLATURE

Governing Body of the Ho-Chunk Nation

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ANDREW BLACKHAWK MEMORIAL POW-WOW
GROUNDS UPGRADE PROJECT GRANT PROPOSALTO
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT
INDIAN COMMUNITY BLOCK GRANT
RESOLUTION 7-21-09 A

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 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, 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 individuals; and

WHEREAS, the Preamble of the Constitution of the Ho-Chunk Nation establishes the Nation's right to "advance the general welfare"; and

WHEREAS, the Ho-Chunk Nation's 10-Year Strategic Plan, adopted in 2002, identified the need for greater spiritual and cultural awareness among Ho-Chunk youth, families, and communities and a greater awareness of, and sensitivity to, Ho-Chunk Nation culture and heritage among non-Ho-Chunk communities; and

WHEREAS, the 10-Year Strategic Plan identified the need for historical/cultural exhibits to introduce the Ho-Chunk and non-Ho-Chunk communities to Ho-Chunk culture as an ongoing cultural education strategy; and

WHEREAS, the Andrew Blackhawk Memorial Pow-Wow Grounds site was certified and listed on the Wisconsin National Register of Historic Places in March 2007 because of its significance in the lives of Ho-Chunk members for its historic function as a "meeting hall, religious facility, cemetery, and music facility"; and

WHEREAS, the Andrew Blackhawk Memorial Pow-Wow Grounds are used for two major pow-wows every year, attended by both Ho-Chunk and non-Ho-Chunk people, as well as events such as the Youth Leadership Conference and General Council meetings; and

WHEREAS, the current condition of the Blackhawk Pow-Wow Grounds site places the health and safety of Ho-Chunk members and the general public at risk; and

WHEREAS, the HUD ICDBG grant funds will enable the Ho-Chunk Nation to upgrade the Andrew Blackhawk Memorial Pow-Wow Grounds, addressing not only health and safety issues, but providing for the continued existence of a cultural site central to the existence of the Ho-Chunk Nation; and

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WHEREAS, each time new structures are constructed for the Ho-Chunk Nation, manuals are compiled for the Operation and Maintenance (O & M) of the building systems and training is provided to appropriate staff.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Legislative body of the Ho-Chunk Nation hereby:

- approves the *Ho-Chunk Nation Andrew Blackhawk Memorial Pow-Wow Grounds Upgrade Project* grant proposal to be submitted in August 2009 to the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Indian Community Development Block Grant program requesting federal funding of $600,000 in order to promote the general welfare of Ho-Chunk members residing within District 1;

- commits to an allocation in matching Net Profit Distribution ("NPD") funding to complete the project (currently estimated at $200,000 [25%], based on a total project cost of $800,000) to comply with the application, earn the maximum number of points for using non-ICDBG resources, and ensure the success of the *Ho-Chunk Nation Andrew Blackhawk Memorial Pow-Wow Grounds Upgrade Project;*

- commits to the ongoing operation and maintenance of the Andrew Blackhawk Memorial Pow-Wow Grounds; 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 certifies that the Legislature of the Ho-Chunk Nation, composed of 13 members, of whom 11 constituting a quorum were present at a meeting duly called and convened and held on this 21st day of **July 2009**, and that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted at said meeting by an affirmative vote of **11 members, 0 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 copy of resolution.

Hope B. Smith 7-21-09

Hope B. Smith, Tribal Secretary Date