



HO-CHUNK NATION LEGISLATURE

Governing Body of the Ho-Chunk Nation

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BUDGET MODIFICATION TO GIVE ONE-HUNDRED
DOLLARS TO EACH TRIBAL MEMBER AGE EIGHTEEN
TO FIFTY-NINE YEARS OLD
RESOLUTION 12-08-09 N**

- 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(d) of the Constitution grants the Legislature the power to authorize expenditures by law and appropriate funds to the various Department s in an annual budget; 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(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 November 24, 2009 Ho-Chunk Nation Finance Committee Meeting minutes provide:
Tribal Members Age 18-59: There are 4,501 tribal members age 18-59 as of 12/25/09. There are no funds budgeted for tribal members age 18-59.
- "MOTION** by Rep. Lawrence Walker Jr. to **APPROVE** \$100 for the tribal members age 18-59 from the Charitable Contributions line item. Second by Rep. Robert TwoBears. 7-0-3(Rep. Greg Blackdeer, Rep. Jim Greendeer, Rep. Roberta Decorah) **MOTION CARRIED."**
- WHEREAS,** at its December 8, 2009 Legislative Session the Legislature ratified the meeting minutes of the November 24, 2009 Finance Committee Meeting; and
- WHEREAS,** as noted in the Finance Committee Meeting minutes, there were no funds budgeted to provide \$100 as a Christmas gift for the tribal members age 18-59 years old and there are not sufficient funds in the Charitable Contributions line item.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature, pursuant to its Constitutional authority, authorizes a major budget modification from the Per Capita Expense line item in the General Fund to the Charitable Contributions line item in the General Fund to cover the expense associated with providing \$100 for tribal members whose age will be 18 to 59 years old as of December 25, 2009.

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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 **13 members**, of whom **10** constituting a quorum were present at a meeting duly called and convened and held on the **8th day of December, 2009**, that the foregoing resolution was adopted at said meeting by an affirmative vote of **10 members, 0 opposed, and 0 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

12-08-09
Date

