



HO-CHUNK NATION LEGISLATURE

Governing Body of the Ho-Chunk Nation

HO-CHUNK NATION LEGISLATURE IN SUPPORT OF TRIBAL AMERICORPS GRANT RESOLUTION 10-20-09 A

- 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(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(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,** a collaborative of the eleven sovereign American Indian Tribes in Wisconsin has received a planning grant to develop a multi-site Tribal AmeriCorps Project from the Corporation for National Service; and
- WHEREAS,** the Wisconsin Native American Prevention Counsel (WINAPC) is a collaborative of ten of the eleven Tribes focusing on substance abuse prevention using the Strategic Prevention Framework public health model which includes steps to build local capacity to assess needs, plan, implement and evaluate evidence-based prevention strategies, and;
- WHEREAS,** the Tribal State Collaboration for Positive Change (TSCPC) is a collaborative consisting of behavioral health professionals from all eleven Wisconsin Tribes and Wisconsin Department of Health Services working to integrate prevention and treatment services for the co-occurring disorders of substance abuse and mental illness which requires building local capacity to assess needs, and develop, plan, implement and evaluate local strategic plans, and;
- WHEREAS,** both WINAPC and TSCPC Coalitions behavioral health professionals have had the benefits of AmeriCorps members serving within their communities presented to them and have identified AmeriCorps members as a needed resource to help build local capacity, and;
- WHEREAS,** both WINAPC and TSCPC Coalitions Tribal have passed resolutions of support for the submission of a full implementation grant application to build a multi-site Tribal AmeriCorps Program for the Tribes of Wisconsin; and;

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- WHEREAS,** a Tribal AmeriCorps Project would serve to develop a corps of member volunteers trained in the co-occurring integration process and the five steps of the Strategic Prevention Framework with a focus on incorporating traditional cultural wellness practices, as well as volunteer recruitment, mentoring, tutoring and other skills to nurture youth, families and elders to prevent and reduce substance abuse, and;
- WHEREAS,** the AmeriCorps program focuses on four main objectives while working to address communities needs: Getting Things Done, Strengthening Communities, Encouraging Responsibility, and Expanding Opportunity, and;
- WHEREAS,** the AmeriCorps program would provide members serving a full year of service a living allowance of \$11,400 and an educational stipend of \$4,725 which can be used towards college, vocational school or to pay off student loans, and;
- WHEREAS,** the cash match for each Tribal AmeriCorps Member of \$3,000 could come from a variety of sources (business underwriters, local donors/partners, tribal general funds, other federal grants with approval of the granting agency, other sources TBD);

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature hereby supports the submission of a grant application to the Corporation for National and Community Service for the development of a multi-site Tribal AmeriCorps program for the Tribes of Wisconsin, which will focus on addressing the significant prevention needs of tribal communities, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Ho-Chunk Nation hereby authorizes the President or Vice President to sign all necessary documents in furtherance of these efforts.

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 9 constituting a quorum were present at a meeting duly called and convened and held on the 20th day of October, 2009, that the foregoing resolution was adopted at said meeting by an affirmative vote of 8 members, 1 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, Tribal Secretary

10-20-09
Date