



HO-CHUNK NATION LEGISLATURE
Governing Body of the Ho-Chunk Nation

**HO-CHUNK NATION LEGISLATURE
OFFICIAL SUPPORT OF THE
INDIAN HEALTH CARE IMPROVEMENT ACT PASSAGE
RESOLUTION 1-08-08 E**

- 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 ("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") empowers Legislature, to make laws, including codes, ordinances, resolutions, and statutes; and
- WHEREAS,** Article V, Section 2(i) of the Constitution empowers the Legislature to negotiate agreements with other governments, organizations, or individuals; and
- WHEREAS,** the Ho-Chunk Nations contracts with the Indian Health Services to provide health care services to the Ho-Chunk Nation and other tribal members who have close social land economic ties to the Community; and
- WHEREAS,** since the enactment in 1976, the Indian Health Care Improvement Act (IHCA) has provided the legal and administrative framework for carrying out the United States trust responsibility to tribes for assuring the highest possible health status for Indians and to provide all resources necessary to effect the policy; and
- WHEREAS,** as stated by the National Indian Health Board "The IHCA is the key statute that establishes the structure for operation of health programs for American Indians and Alaska Natives by the Indian Health Service. IHCA also provides authorization of appropriations for many Indian health programs."; and
- WHEREAS,** the Ho-Chunk Nation has advocated and continues to support the passage of the IHCA, which could significantly help reduce the severe health disparities facing Indian Communities and improve the ability to provide more efficient health care services; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature, pursuant to its Constitutional authority, hereby support the passage of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Ho-Chunk Nation supports its President to acknowledge and seek support from its State of Wisconsin Congressional representatives for co-sponsorship of this important piece of legislation.

CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned, as Tribal Secretary for the 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 on the **8th day of January, 2008**, that the foregoing resolution was 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 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.

Elliott Garvin, Tribal Secretary

1-8-08

Date

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