



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

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HO-CHUNK NATION MONTESSORI SCHOOL READINESS
RESOLUTION 2-19-08 D

- 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, organized pursuant to the Indian Reorganization Act of 1934; and
- WHEREAS,** Article V, Section 2 (a) of the Ho-Chunk Nation Constitution ("Constitution") empowers the Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature ("Legislature"), to make laws, including codes, ordinances, resolutions, and statutes; and
- WHEREAS,** Article V, Section 2 (i) of the Constitution empowers the Legislature to enter into contracts, and agreements with other governments, organizations, or individuals; and
- WHEREAS,** the cognitive development of children ages 3 years to age 6 represents the period when the human mind is most absorbent and is the ideal age to assist the development of brain pathways of a child when they are in this "sensitive period" for absorbing language, both spoken and written; and
- WHEREAS,** the Ho-Chunk Nation is committed to provide educational interventions to the Ho-Chunk Tribal young who represent the Nation's most valuable resource; and
- WHEREAS,** the American Montessori Society has a multi-faceted educational environment designed which to utilize sequential work stations that will enable Ho-Chunk Nation youth to develop social, emotional, spiritual, physical, motor and cognitive development; and
- WHEREAS,** the Office of Indian Education will provide for multi-year funding up to \$ 300,000 per year for four years under CFDA # 84.299A-Indian Education Demonstration Grant Program; and
- WHEREAS,** the Ho-Chunk Nation Montessori School Readiness Project will infuse the teaching of the Ho-Chunk Nation Language as a reinforcing tool to promote early-childhood learning and language preservation; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Ho-Chunk Nation, through the actions of the Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature, fully recognizes the findings of Dr. Montessori who characterized the 3 to 6 year-old child as possessing an extraordinary capacity, the ability to absorb information from his or her surrounding. Dr. Montessori named this quality "the absorbent mind" and fully supports the contents and design of the Ho-Chunk Nation Montessori School Readiness Project

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature supports the Education Departments submittal of a grant application to seek funding for the joint Language Division/Education Department Montessori language project.

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CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned, as Tribal Secretary of the Ho-Chunk Nation, hereby certify that the Legislature of the Ho-Chunk Nation, composed of **11** members, of whom **6** constituted a quorum were present at a meeting duly called and convened and held on this **19th** day of **February, 2008**, and that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted by an affirmative vote of **6** 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.



Elliott Garvin, Tribal Secretary

2-19-08

Date

