



HO-CHUNK NATION LEGISLATURE

Governing Body of the Ho-Chunk Nation

HO-CHUNK NATION LEGISLATURE DESIGNATION OF TRIBAL CONTACTS FOR THE BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS RESOLUTION 4-29-08 C

- 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 Constitution of the Ho-Chunk Nation ("Constitution") grants the Legislature the power to make laws, including codes, ordinances, resolutions, and statutes; 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,** Article IV, Section 2 of the Constitution states that the Ho-Chunk Nation General Council authorized the legislative branch of the Nation to make laws and appropriate funds in accordance with Article V of the constitution; and
- WHEREAS,** the Ho-Chunk Nation has made several requests to the U.S. Department of Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs ("BIA"), in years past to conduct a Secretarial Election pursuant to Article XIII, Section 2 of the Ho-Chunk Nation Constitution, upon the presentation of multiple resolutions approved by the Nation's General Council dating back to 2003; and
- WHEREAS,** the BIA has not conducted any Secretarial Elections for the Nation, as requested. In fact, the Ashland Office of the BIA stated recently that it encountered communication and contact problems when it tried to review and comment on the proposed amendments to the Nation's Constitution and arrange a Secretarial Election, due to confusion over who the appropriate tribal contacts should be; and
- WHEREAS,** the Nation, through various representative persons and offices in years past, has notified the BIA that it should officially correspond with designated officials of the Nation; and
- WHEREAS,** the Legislature finds that it is in the best interest of the Nation and its members to make sure that communications with the BIA are as clear as possible, in order to ensure the efficient review of resolutions submitted by the Nation as well as timely distribution among necessary offices and officials of the Nation.

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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Legislature deems it appropriate to designate the following officials and offices as points of contact and distribution for the BIA in connection with the Nation's requests to conduct Secretarial Elections at the request of the Nation:

- The Ho-Chunk Nation President (and any person acting in such a capacity pro tempore);
- The Vice President of the Nation (and any person acting in such a capacity pro tempore);
- The Attorney General of the Nation (and any person acting in such a capacity)

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Legislature requests that all offices of the BIA maintain the above contacts and direct all necessary correspondence to each of them until further notified by the Legislature of the Ho-Chunk Nation; and that a copy of this Resolution be provided to the BIA offices in Ashland, Wisconsin and Fort Snelling, Minnesota.

CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned, as Tribal Secretary for the Ho-Chunk Nation, hereby certify that the Legislature of the Ho-Chunk Nation, composed of **11 members**, of whom **9** constituting a quorum were present at a meeting duly called and convened and held on **29th day of April, 2008**, that the foregoing resolution was adopted at said meeting by an affirmative vote of **9 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

4-29-08

Date