



## HO-CHUNK NATION LEGISLATURE

*Governing Body of the Ho-Chunk Nation*

### HO-CHUNK NATION LEGISLATURE PLACING THE DELLS DAM PROPERTIES INTO TRUST FOR THE HO-CHUNK NATION RESOLUTION 5-06-08 D

- 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, pursuant to the Indian Reorganization Act of 1934; and
- WHEREAS,** Article V, Section 2 (a) of the Ho-Chunk Nation Constitution ("Constitution") gives the Ho-Chunk Legislature ("Legislature") the power to make laws, including codes, ordinances, resolutions, and statutes; and
- WHEREAS,** Article V, Section 2 (k) of the Constitution of the Ho-Chunk Nation authorizes the Legislature to acquire or purchase lands for the benefit of the Nation and its members; and
- WHEREAS,** Article V, Section (l) of the Constitution grants the Legislature the power to enact laws to manage, lease, permit, or otherwise deal with the Nation's lands, interest in lands or other assets; and
- WHEREAS,** the properties related to this resolution are as follows: Myrle Thompson (Indian George Homestead), Plum Creek/Clark 160 (Leonard White & Mah He Sooch E Am Kah Homesteads), and Plum Creek/Clark 40 (Dora Payer & Eunice White Allotment and Frank B. Thunder and Mary Greencrow Thunder Allotment) all in Clark County, Wisconsin; and
- WHEREAS,** the Plum Creek/Clark 160 property shall now be known as the Ho-Chunk Nation "White Bear" property; and
- WHEREAS,** all of these lands were previous homestead allotments and were acquired to re-establish the Ho-Chunk Dells Dam community; and
- WHEREAS,** if the parcel of land can be placed into trust status, the Legislature will be able to prevent further encumbrances to the properties; and
- WHEREAS,** the Vice President is the official authorized by the Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature to execute the deeds for the properties mentioned below; and
- WHEREAS,** the Ho-Chunk Nation Land Use Plan pre-dates the acquisition of subject parcels, but the Nation proposes to use these properties for cultural preservation, forestry and possible future housing; and
- WHEREAS,** it has been proclaimed that the aforementioned property will not be used for gaming purposes; and

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**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature apply to the United States Government and secure the assistance of the Bureau of Indian Affairs to place the following described parcels of land into trust status:

Legal Descriptions:

Myrle Thompson / Indian George Homestead:

The W ½, of the NW ¼ of Section 30, T23N, R2W, Township of Levis, Clark County Wisconsin, containing 80 acres, more or less.

Plum Creek/Clark 40:

The Southwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter (SW ¼, SE ¼) of Section Twenty-five (25), Township Twenty-three (23) North, Range Three (3) West, Clark County Wisconsin, containing 40 acres, more or less.

White Bear:

The Southeast Quarter (SE ¼) of Section Thirty (30), Township Twenty-three (23) North, Range Two (2) West, Clark County Wisconsin, containing 160 acres, more or less.

**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 **9** constituting a quorum were present at a meeting duly called and convened and held on the **6<sup>th</sup> day of May, 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 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 the foregoing 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

5-6-08

Date