



# HO-CHUNK NATION LEGISLATURE

*Governing Body of the Ho-Chunk Nation*

## HO-CHUNK NATION LEGISLATURE SELECTION OF REPRESENTATIVE TO ANNUAL CONSULTATION BY THE OFFICE ON VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN RESOLUTION 7-23-08 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, 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(r) of the Constitution grants the Legislature the power to protect and foster Ho-Chunk religious freedom, culture, language, and traditions; 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(t) of the Constitution grants the Legislature the power to enact laws governing law enforcement on lands within the jurisdiction of the Nation; and
- WHEREAS,** Article V, Section 2(u) of the Constitution grants the Legislature the power to enact laws to regulate domestic relations of person within the jurisdiction of the 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,** Section 903 of Title IX of the Violence Against Women Act of 2005 requires the United States Attorney General and Secretary of the United States Department of Health and Human Services to hold an annual consultation with Indian tribal governments on the subject of violence against American Indian and Alaska Native Women; and
- WHEREAS,** the purpose of the consultation is to solicit recommendations from tribal governments on the following three topics:
- (1) Administering grant funds appropriated for tribal governments and programs created to benefit tribal governments by the original Violence Against Women Act and subsequent legislation;

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- (2) Enhancing the safety of Indian women from domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking; and
- (3) Strengthening the United States Federal response to crimes of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking; and

**WHEREAS,** if the Ho-Chunk Nation designates someone as its official representative, the Office on Violence Against Women (OVA) request certain actions by the Nation; and

**WHEREAS,** the OVA request that the individual who will present testimony be prepared to submit either a Resolution or a letter on the Ho-Chunk Nation's official letterhead which confirms his or her status as the official representative of the Ho-Chunk Nation; and

**WHEREAS,** this year's consultation is scheduled for September 9, 2008 at Seminole Nation's Hard Rock Hotel and Casino; and

**WHEREAS,** Section ten, subparagraph (e) of the Ho-Chunk Nation Legislative Organization Act provides "[t]he Legislature shall be notified of Legislator attendance at conferences and meetings outside of the Executive Offices by placing such meeting or conference on the Legislative Calendar a minimum of four (4) working days prior to the meeting or conference."

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Legislature, pursuant to its Constitutional authority, authorizes District Two Representative Roberta Decorah and any other Legislator to attend the annual consultation.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Legislature confirms Representative Roberta Decorah's status as the official representative of the Ho-Chunk Nation at the annual consultation.

#### CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned, as Tribal Secretary for the Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature, hereby certify that the Legislature of the Ho-Chunk Nation, composed of **10 members**, of whom **6** constituting a quorum were present at a meeting duly called and convened and held on the **23<sup>rd</sup> day of , 2008**, that the foregoing resolution was adopted at said meeting 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 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

7-23-08  
Date