



# HO-CHUNK NATION LEGISLATURE

*Governing Body of the Ho-Chunk Nation*

**HO-CHUNK NATION LEGISLATURE  
SIGNATURE AUTHORITY OVER FINANCIAL  
MATTERS SURROUNDING THE  
CONSTITUTIONAL REFORM TASK FORCE AND  
CONSTITUTIONAL REFORM ADVISORY BOARD  
RESOLUTION 8-06-08 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 III, Section 2 provides that the government of the Ho-Chunk Nation shall be composed of four (4) branches: General Council, Legislature, Executive, and Judiciary; 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(d) of the Constitution grants the Legislature the power to authorize expenditures by law and appropriate funds to the various Departments in an annual budget; 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(j) of the Constitution grants the Legislature the power to authorize and appropriate funds to employ legal counsel in accordance with applicable law; 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(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; and
- WHEREAS,** the General Council held its 2002 Annual General Council Meeting on November 16, 2002, at the DeJope Bingo Hall in Madison, Wisconsin; and
- WHEREAS,** at the Annual General Council passed a Resolution for the Legislature to create and fund a Constitutional Reform Task Force; and
- WHEREAS,** the Finance Committee of the Legislature on May 30, 2007, passed a motion to approve the FY 07-08 Constitutional Reform Committee/Task Force Budget in the amount of \$58,800; and
- WHEREAS,** Resolution 6-20-07 A created the Constitutional Reform Task Force; and

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**WHEREAS,** Resolution 7-23-08 B created the Constitutional Reform Advisory Board; and

**WHEREAS,** delegates and alternates on the Constitutional Reform Task Force and members of the Constitutional Reform Advisory Board are eligible for financial reimbursement pursuant to the requirements of Section 27 of the *Finance Manual* (5 HCC § 5); and

**WHEREAS,** the Constitutional Reform Task Force and Constitutional Reform Advisory Board have other necessary expenses associated with their work on behalf of the Nation.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** pursuant to the requirements of the *Finance Manual* (5 HCC § 5), the Legislature authorizes the Vice President to have signature authority over the reimbursement of Tribal Members participating on the Constitutional Reform Task Force and Constitutional Reform Advisory Board.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** pursuant to the requirements of the *Finance Manual* (5 HCC § 5), the Legislature authorizes the Vice President to have signature authority over any other financial matters necessary for the Constitutional Reform Task Force and Constitutional Reform Advisory Board to complete their work on behalf of the Nation.

**CERTIFICATION**

I, the undersigned, as Tribal Secretary for the Ho-Chunk Nation, hereby certify that the Legislature of the Ho-Chunk Nation, composed of **10 members**, of whom 7 constituting a quorum were present at a meeting duly called and convened and held on the **6<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2008**, that the foregoing resolution was adopted at said meeting by an affirmative vote of **6 members, 0 opposed, and 1 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

8-6-08  
 Date