



HO-CHUNK NATION LEGISLATURE

Governing Body of the Ho-Chunk Nation

**HO-CHUNK NATION LEGISLATURE
SUPPORTING REQUEST TO THE
WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS AND
THE GOVERNOR OF WISCONSIN FOR THE
ESTABLISHMENT AND FUNDING OF A NATIVE AMERICAN
PRISONER RE-ENTRY PROGRAM
RESOLUTION 11-05-08 B**

- 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") 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(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,** individual members of our Nation and other Tribes are currently incarcerated with the Wisconsin Department of Corrections, and will return to our Nation and other Indian Nations and communities upon released; and
- WHEREAS,** re-entering offenders will face numerous social and legal difficulties such as family issues, employment, housing, health, and behavior issues, substance abuse recovery, and community acceptance, and may have challenges and opportunities that are unique to our culture that may not be fully considered in the already overburdened state system; and
- WHEREAS,** it is in the best interest of our Nation and other tribal communities that re-entering offenders become competent, contributing citizens of our Nation and other tribal communities and participants in their communities; and
- WHEREAS,** the Great Lakes Inter-Tribal Council Justice Committee is investigating the establishment of a pre/post-release offender re-entry program on a pilot basis; and
- WHEREAS,** certain contributions from the member tribes out of their gaming revenues to the State of Wisconsin are allocated by the State to programs, functions, activities, and services on or near the reservations to alleviate poverty, promote the general economic welfare, and counter the social costs of gaming.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Ho-Chunk Nation expresses its support to the Wisconsin Department of Corrections, the Governor of Wisconsin, and the Joint Finance Committee of the Wisconsin Legislature for the establishment of a Native American Prisoner Re-entry Assistance Program to be funded from the revenues derived from Tribal Gaming Contributions.

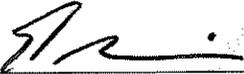
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Ho-Chunk Nation recommends to the Great Lakes Inter-Tribal Justice Committee to continue to investigate a structure, budget, and location of a pilot program and to report back to the Board of Directors and the Ho-Chunk Nation with a recommendation for further endorsement.

CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned, as Tribal Secretary for the Ho-Chunk Nation, hereby certifies that the Legislature of the Ho-Chunk Nation, composed of **11 members**, of whom **11** constituting a quorum were present at a meeting duly called and convened and held on the **5th day of , 2008**, that the foregoing resolution was adopted at said meeting by an affirmative vote of **11 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

11-5-08

Date

