HO-CHUNK NATION LEGISLATURE
Governing Body of the Ho-Chunk Nation

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ESTABLISHMENT & AUTHORIZATION OF
LEGISLATIVE SUBCOMMITTEE TASK FORCE

RESOLUTION 1-18-11 G

WHEREAS, on November 1, 1994, the United States Secretary of Interior approved a new Constitution of the Ho-Chunk Nation, formerly known as the Wisconsin Winnebago Nation; 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 grants the Legislature to make laws, including codes, ordinances, resolutions, and statues; 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, the Ho-Chunk Nation *Legislative Organization Act*, 2 HCC §11, ("LOA") provides in Section 10 that an internal Work Group or Task Force may be established in order to assist the Legislature by providing information necessary to carry out Legislative law-making and oversight functions; and

WHEREAS, the Nation's *Open Meetings Act*, 2 HCC §2, contemplates that a Work Group or Task Force will be used as a temporary, short-term ad hoc body established by a governmental entity for a focused effort on a specific issue; and

WHEREAS, the LOA does not restrict Legislator(s) participation in a Ho-Chunk government task force(s) as an ex officio member when appointed by the Legislature, and

WHEREAS, the LOA currently establishes three Subcommittees of the Legislature to assist in carrying out the Legislature's duties under the Constitution, which include the

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Finance Committee, Development Committee and Administration Committee; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature has held Special Administration Committee meetings to discuss the efficiency and adequacy of the three current Subcommittees and, as a result, has deemed it necessary to consider adding to the total number of Subcommittees; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature adopted a motion at the December 9, 2010 Administration Committee to create a Legislative Task Force regarding additional subcommittees, said motion being ratified by the full Legislature on December 21, 2010 and January 4, 2011; and

WHEREAS, a Legislative Task Force can be established to create a forum for discussion of various concepts to create new Legislative Subcommittees, including methods by which to allocate jurisdiction and to improve reporting and communication between the Legislative Branch and Executive Branch; and

WHEREAS, the LOA refers to the Legislature's Subcommittees as "Standing Legislative Committees" at Chapter III and, therefore, the establishment of a Task Force will incorporate such a reference;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature, pursuant to its constitutional authority, hereby authorizes the creation of a Legislative Subcommittee Task Force ("Task Force") consisting of the following: any member of the Legislature, designated Legislative Staff or Office of Legislative Counsel; any staff designated by the Office of the President; any Executive Director (or designee), as approved by the President; a Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Justice Attorney; and any additional members as approved by the Task Force; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a Legislative staff member will be responsible for the official minutes of each task force meeting and for distributing those minutes to each of the task force members within 3 business days of each meeting; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Legislative Subcommittee Task Force is tasked with reviewing the current committee structure in the LOA, current authorities and powers of committees in the LOA, and determining whether changes should be made regarding the existing committees or the number of total committees assisting the Legislature; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Task Force is permitted to expand the scope of its review based on its review and approval by the Legislature or Legislative Administration Committee;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Task Force created herein shall not be considered a Public Body under the Nation's Open Meetings Act and shall be not be required to adhere to Quorum requirements; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Task Force is authorized to begin meeting after adoption of this resolution.

CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned, as Tribal Secretary of the Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature, hereby certify that the Legislature of the Ho-Chunk Nation, composed of **13** members of whom **9** constituting a quorum were present at a meeting duly called and convened and held on the **18th** day of **January , 2011**, that the foregoing resolution was adopted at said meeting by an affirmative vote of **7 members, 2 opposed, and 0 abstaining,** pursuant to the authority of Article V, Section 2 (a) through (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.

Hope B. Smith — January 18, 2011

Hope B. Smith, Tribal Secretary — Date