



HO-CHUNK NATION LEGISLATURE

Governing Body of the Ho-Chunk Nation

HO-CHUNK NATION LEGISLATURE RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TRIBAL AGING UNIT ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM GUIDELINES RESOLUTION 12-21-10 C

WHEREAS, on November 1, 1994, the Secretary of the Interior approved a new Constitution for the Ho-Chunk Nation, formerly known as the Wisconsin Winnebago Nation; and

WHEREAS, the Ho-Chunk Nation ("Nation") is a federally recognized Indian Tribe, pursuant to the Indian Reorganization Act of 1934; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature of the Ho-Chunk Nation is the duly constituted governing body of the Ho-Chunk Nation ("Legislature") pursuant to the Constitution of the Ho-Chunk Nation; and

WHEREAS, Article V. Section 2 (s), of the Ho-Chunk Nation Constitution grants the Legislature the power to promote public health, education, charity and such other services as may contribute to the social advancement of members of the Ho-Chunk Nation; and

WHEREAS, the Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature where in accordance with the Ho-Chunk Tribal Aging Unit (TAU) Advisory Board (TAU Board) in accordance with Wisconsin Statute, Section 46.82(4)(a), which requires the elected tribal governing body of a federally recognized American Indian Tribe, that has established a Tribal aging Unit shall also establish and advisory and policy development body; and

WHEREAS, the TAU Board recognizes the need to assist tribal elders with energy assistance throughout the fiscal year July 1 through June 30, as needs permit and assistance is available through the Tribal Aging Unit; and

WHEREAS, the TAU Board requests the adoption of the following process for elder energy assistance program guidelines.

WHEREAS, **Energy Assistance** – Title III and N.P.D. Energy assistance has been established to alleviate the immediate needs of the Wisconsin and At-Large Elders

1. Required information for energy assistance:

Executive Offices

W9814 Airport Road P.O. Box 667 Black River Falls, WI 54615
(715) 284-9343 Fax (715) 284-3172 (800) 294-9343

- a. Elder must be residing in their own home. For example, we will not pay for replenishing fuel into a fuel tank in the name of another individual.
 - b. Complete T.A.U. Energy Assistance application.
 - c. Recent utility bill, if natural or electric heat.

 - d. T.A.U. staff will order and make payment arrangements for the fuel. Elders cannot order their own fuel to be paid by the T.A.U.
 - e. Proof of income- Applicant needs to submit current or most current Federal 1040 Income State Tax Filing. TAU will screen assist with referrals for additional energy assistance for Elders who meet eligibility guidelines, for state and federal energy assistance programs
2. Applicant's signature on the Energy Assistance Application authorizes the TAU permission to make necessary contacts to verify information.
 3. Payments will be made payable to the vendor. A maximum of 200 gallons propane fuel or equivalent of propane daily marker, for other fuel types, will be approved on a one time basis during the Ho-Chunk fiscal calendar year beginning July1 and ending June 30.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Legislature of the Ho-Chunk Nation that all Tribal Aging Unit (TAU) energy assistance funds budgeted for the fiscal year beginning July 1 and ending June 30 will be administered in the accordance with aforementioned policy by the Tribal Aging Unit (TAU).

CERTIFICATION

I, Hope B. Smith, the undersigned, as Secretary of the Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature, hereby certify that the Legislature of the Ho-Chunk Nation, composed of 13 members of whom 8 constituting a quorum were present at a meeting duly called and convened and held on the 21st day of December, 2010, that the foregoing resolution was adopted at said meeting by an affirmative vote of 8 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.



Hope B. Smith, Legislative Secretary



Date