



HO-CHUNK NATION LEGISLATURE

Governing Body of the Ho-Chunk Nation

HO-CHUNK NATION LEGISLATURE NATIONAL INDIAN GAMING ASSOCIATION (NIGA) MEMBERSHIP FOR 2011 RESOLUTION 12-7-10 Y

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(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, the National Indian Gaming Association ("NIGA") is a voluntary association composed of member Tribes and Associate members representing federally recognized Tribal governments, gaming Tribes, Rancherias, Pueblos, Bands and Businesses engaged in gaming enterprises in Indian Country; and

WHEREAS, the Ho-Chunk Nation joins NIGA with the full understanding that NIGA will consult fully and actively advocate for the Ho-Chunk Nation on all gaming matters of interest; and

WHEREAS, the primary objectives and purpose of NIGA are:

- 1) to promote and preserve the general welfare and interest of Indian gaming tribes through the development of sound policies and practices with respect to the conduct of gaming activities in Indian Country;
- 2) to assist in the dissemination of information to the Indian gaming community, federal government and the general public on issues related to the conduct of gaming in Indian Country;

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- 3) to preserve and protect the integrity of gaming in Indian Country; and
- 4) to maintain, protect and advocate Indian Tribal sovereignty.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature, pursuant to its constitutional authority, hereby authorizes the payment of dues for NIGA membership of \$25,000.00 for calendar year 2011.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature appoints President Wilfrid Cleveland to serve as the Nation's representative to NIGA and any one of the following Ho-Chunk Nation Legislators: Vice President Daniel Brown, Rep. Greg Blackdeer, Rep. Douglas Greengrass, Rep. Clarence Pettibone, Rep. Roberta Decorah, Rep. James Greendeer, Rep. John Holst, Rep. Hope Smith, Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr., Rep. Greg Littlejohn, Rep. Kathyleen LoneTree-Whiterabbit, Rep. Patrick Red Eagle, and Rep. Robert TwoBears to serve as the alternate representative.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that these appointments will remain in effect until December 31, 2011 or until replaced by the Legislature.

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 11 constituting a quorum were present at a meeting duly called and convened and held on the 7th day of **December, 2010**, that the foregoing resolution was adopted at said meeting by an affirmative vote of 8 members, 1 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, Tribal Secretary



Date