



HO-CHUNK NATION LEGISLATURE

Governing Body of the Ho-Chunk Nation

HO-CHUNK NATION LEGISLATURE 2014 TIGER GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE BELOIT GATEWAYS TO OPPORTUNITY PROJECT OF THE HO-CHUNK NATION AND CITY OF BELOIT

RESOLUTION 04-08-14T

- WHEREAS**, on November 1, 1994, the United States Secretary of 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, organized pursuant to the Indian Reorganization Act of 1934; and
- WHEREAS**, the Legislature of the Ho-Chunk Nation ("Legislature") is the duly constituted governing body of the Ho-Chunk Nation pursuant to the Constitution of the Ho-Chunk Nation ("Constitution"); and
- WHEREAS**, Article V, Section 2 (a) of the Constitution grants the Legislature the power to make laws, including codes, ordinances, resolutions, and statutes; and
- WHEREAS**, Article V, Section 2 (i) of the Constitution authorizes the Legislature to negotiate and enter into treaties, compacts, contracts, and agreements with other governments, organizations, or individuals; and
- WHEREAS**, the Ho-Chunk Nation recognizes adequate and safe road infrastructure is critical to all Tribal development; and
- WHEREAS**, the Bureau of Indian Affairs shares responsibility for developing and maintaining roads on Indian lands; and
- WHEREAS**, the Ho-Chunk Nation has proposed a large scale economic development project on 73.5 acres in the City of Beloit, WI; and
- WHEREAS**, the proposed development will include several labor intensive businesses, including a casino, a hotel, a conference center, an entertainment venue, and retail stores; and
- WHEREAS**, the proposed development will generate an estimated 1,500 to 2,000 jobs, with additional jobs coming from other developments expected to arise in proximity to the Ho-Chunk Nation core development; and

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WHEREAS, the City of Beloit is an Economically Distressed Area with long-term unemployment at an elevated level well above the national and state averages; and

WHEREAS, the Ho-Chunk Nation and the City of Beloit and other partners are working together to create opportunities and a sustainable revenue stream to enable prosperity for members of the Ho-Chunk Nation and residents of the City of Beloit; and

WHEREAS, extensive transportation infrastructure improvements on streets and roadways adjacent to the development are needed to provide sustainable, multi-modal access to the development area.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature supports the submission of an application for the 2014 Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery--TIGER Discretionary Grant Program to provide transportation infrastructure improvements offering access for workers and visitors and enabling the success of the planned economic development project.

CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned, as Secretary for the Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature, hereby certify that the Legislature of the Ho-Chunk Nation, composed of the 13 members, of whom 11 constituting a quorum, were present at a meeting duly called and convened and held on the 8th day of April, 2014, 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 the foregoing resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way. I further certify that this a verified copy of said resolution.

Kathleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit
Kathleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit, Tribal Secretary

4.8.14
Date