



HO-CHUNK NATION LEGISLATURE

Governing Body of the Ho-Chunk Nation

HO-CHUNK NATION LEGISLATURE AUTHORIZING THE WAZEE NORTH WITHDRAWAL FROM MANAGED FOREST LAW PROGRAM AND THE ALLOCATION OF FUNDING FOR THE WITHDRAWAL COST

RESOLUTION 05-07-13F

- 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 (k) of the Constitution grants the Legislature the power to acquire or purchase lands for the benefit of the Nation and its members; and
- WHEREAS,** Article V, Section 2 (l) of the Constitution grants the Legislature the power to purchase, acquire, lease, permit, or otherwise deal with the Nation's lands, interests in lands or other assets; and
- WHEREAS,** the Nation intends to submit a fee to trust application for the Wazee North property (Plum Creek), a 200-acre forested parcel, in the very near future; and
- WHEREAS,** the Wazee North Property is enrolled in the Managed Forest Law (MFL) Program; and
- WHEREAS,** 25 C.F.R. 151.13 requires the Secretary of the Interior to make a determination on the request for the acquisition of land from unrestricted fee status to trust status; and
- WHEREAS,** this section also requires that "the Secretary may require the elimination of any such lien, encumbrances, or infirmities prior to taking final approval action on the acquisition...; and

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WHEREAS, this MFL Program represents an encumbrance on this property; and to facilitate the acquisition of the Wazee North Property into trust this encumbrance will be removed; and

WHEREAS, the cost for withdrawing from this program is estimated to be \$52, 203.05.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Ho-Chunk Nation, by and through its Legislature, hereby approves the withdrawal for the Wazee North Property (Plum Creek) from the Managed Forest Law Program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Ho-Chunk Nation, by and through its Legislature, hereby approves an allocation of the Managed Forest Law invoiced amount estimated to be \$ 52, 203.05 as payment for the withdrawal cost and authorizes the Vice President to sign-off on the Declaration of Withdrawal Managed Forest Law.

CERTIFICATION

I, 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 **10** constituting a quorum were present at a meeting duly called and convened, and held on the **7th day of May, 2013**, that the foregoing resolution was adopted at said meeting by an affirmative vote of **6 members, 3 opposed, and 1 abstaining**, pursuant to the 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 is a verified copy of said resolution.

Hope B. Smith
Hope B. Smith, Tribal Secretary

May 7, 2013
Date