



## HO-CHUNK NATION LEGISLATURE

*Governing Body of the Ho-Chunk Nation*

### HO-CHUNK NATION LEGISLATURE TIGER GRANT RESOLUTION HO-CHUNK NATION AND CITY OF БЕЛОIT

#### RESOLUTION 05-20-13H

- 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 agreement with other governments, organizations, or individual; 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 jobs, with additional jobs coming from other developments expected to arise in proximity to the Ho-Chunk Nation core development, and
- 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 opportunity 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 proposed transportation infrastructure improvements to provide access for workers and visitors and enable the success of the planned economic development project.

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**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 **20<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2013**, 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.

Hope B. Smith  
Hope B. Smith, Tribal Secretary

May 20, 2013  
Date

