



HO-CHUNK NATION LEGISLATURE
Governing Body of the Ho-Chunk Nation

**HO-CHUNK NATION LEGISLATURE
ESTABLISHMENT OF LEGISLATIVE WORKGROUP
TO CREATE HO-CHUNK NATION AUDIT LAW**

RESOLUTION 06-18-13L

- WHEREAS,** on November 1, 1994, the United States Secretary of Interior approved a new Constitution of 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,** Article V, Section 2 (a) of the Constitution of the Ho-Chunk Nation grants the Legislature the authority to make laws, including codes, ordinances, resolutions, and statutes; and
- WHEREAS,** Article V, Section 2(b) of the Constitution authorizes the Legislature to establish Executive Departments, and to delegate legislative powers to the Executive branch to be administered by such Departments, in accordance with the law; any Department established by the Legislature shall be administered by the Executive; the Legislature reserves the power to review any action taken by virtue of such delegated power; and
- WHEREAS,** Article V, Section 2(d) of the Constitution allows the Legislature to authorize expenditures by law and appropriate funds to the various Departments in an annual budget; and
- WHEREAS,** Article V, Section 2(e) of the Constitution authorizes the Legislature to raise revenue, including the power to levy and collect taxes and license fees; and
- WHEREAS,** Article V, Section 2(l) of the Constitution grants the Legislature the power to enact laws to manage, lease, permit, or otherwise deal with the Nation's lands, interests in lands or other assets; and
- WHEREAS,** Article V, Section 2(x) of the Constitution grants the Legislature the power to enact any other laws, ordinances, resolutions, and statutes necessary to exercise its legislative powers delegated by the General Council pursuant to Article III including but not limited to the foregoing list of powers; and
- WHEREAS,** the Ho-Chunk Nation *Legislative Organization Act*, 2 HCC §11, ("LOA") provides in Section 10 that an internal Work Group or Task Force may be established in order to assist the Legislature by providing information necessary to carry out Legislative law-making and oversight functions; and

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WHEREAS, the Nation's *Open Meetings Act*, 2 HCC §2, contemplates that a Work Group or Task Force will be used as a temporary, short-term ad hoc body established by a governmental entity for a focused effort on a specific issue; and

WHEREAS, the LOA does not restrict Legislator(s) participation in a Ho-Chunk government task force(s) as an ex officio member when appointed by the Legislature; and

WHEREAS, the Nation utilizes the services of outside auditors to audit the finances, funds, and accounting practices of the Nation's programs and business entities; and

WHEREAS, the Nation receives audit findings and reports from its outside auditors and takes appropriate action as follow-up through the Executive and Legislative Branches of government; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature and Treasury Department have discussed, in Session and in the Finance Committee, the potential benefits and needs of creating an internal audit structure within the Nation, and adopting a tribal audit law; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature adopted a motion on June 4, 2013 to create a Legislative Workgroup that will begin working on the creation of a Ho-Chunk Nation audit law;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED; that the Legislature, pursuant to its authority under the Constitution and tribal law, hereby establishes the Audit Law Workgroup, consisting of: any interested Legislators, or other Legislative employees or staff designated by Legislators; and any Executive Branch employees or staff so authorized to participate; also, staff from the Nation's Treasury and Business Departments;

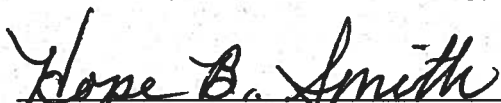
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the workgroup shall report on their activity and progress to the Legislature after each meeting; and

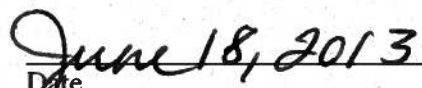
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the workgroup created herein shall not be considered a Public Body under the Nation's Open Meetings Act and shall be not be required to adhere to Quorum or meeting posting requirements; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Audit Law Workgroup is authorized to begin meeting after adoption of this resolution.

CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned, as Tribal Secretary of Ho-Chunk Nation, 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 **18th day of June, 2013**, adopted the foregoing resolution at said meeting by an affirmative vote of **10 members, 0 opposed, and 0 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, Tribal Secretary


Date