



## **HO-CHUNK NATION LEGISLATURE**

*Governing Body of the Ho-Chunk Nation*

### **HO-CHUNK NATION LEGISLATURE TITLE VI NATIVE AMERICAN ELDER PROGRAM GRANT PROPOSAL ADMINISTRATION ON AGING**

#### **RESOLUTION 07-09-13J**

- WHEREAS,** on November 1, 1994, the Secretary of the 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, pursuant to the Indian Reorganization Act of 1934; and
- WHEREAS,** The Legislature of the Ho-Chunk Nation is the duly constituted Governing body of the Ho-Chunk Nation ("Legislature") pursuant to the Constitution of the Ho-Chunk Nation; and
- WHEREAS,** Article V, Section 2(a) enables the Nation, through the Legislature to make laws, including codes, ordinances, resolutions, and statutes; and
- WHEREAS,** Article V, Section 2(d) of the Constitution grants the Legislature the power to authorize expenditures by law and appropriate funds to the various Departments in an annual budget; 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 for the members of the Ho-Chunk Nation; 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 mission of the Health Department is to provide a high level of health care essential to the improvement of the quality of life within the Ho-Chunk Nation; and
- WHEREAS,** the Administration on Aging of Health and Human Services has announced competitive grant applications to implement the TITLE VI Program; and

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**WHEREAS,** Long-term care, a category that includes health promotion, home health services, personal care, housekeeping assistance, meals-on-wheels, skilled nursing care, assisted living, and other in-home services, is an emerging unmet need in Indian Country; and,

**WHEREAS,** The North Dakota, Alaska, and Hawaii national resource centers on Native Aging have been awarded grants through the Administration on Aging, Department of Health and Human Services, to provide technical assistance on the health and social needs of American Indian, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian elderly and assist these groups in conducting a needs assessment which is a requirement for their Administration on Aging grant; and,

**WHEREAS,** The needs assessment is designed to yield information on the following Native elder health care needs:

- General Health Status
- Activities of Daily Living
- Visual, Hearing, and Dental
- Tobacco and Alcohol Use
- Nutrition, Exercise, and Excess Weight
- Social Support, Housing, and Work

**WHEREAS,** In addition to providing technical assistance, the grant to the North Dakota, Alaska, and Hawaii resource centers on Native Aging is required by the Older Americans Act to perform research and disseminate the results of the research, and

**WHEREAS,** The North Dakota, Alaska, and Hawaii national resource centers on Native Aging are asking Tribes throughout the nation to volunteer to participate in a partnership arrangement, to identify the needs of American Indian and Alaska Native elders nationwide, in which the resource centers and the Tribe/consortium will each assume responsibilities:

What the Resource Center will provide:

- Needs assessment instruments
- Assistance in sampling
- Training of interviewers
- Consultation with interviewers via email or telephone
- Data entry and analysis
- Data storage
- Production of tables and comparisons with national statistics

What each Tribe/consortium will provide:

- A Tribal Resolution documenting participation in the Native elder social and health needs assessment as applicable
- A list of elders to interview
- Interviewers or volunteers to conduct the survey
- Interpretation of the results with local input
- Development of recommendations for actions

- Dissemination of the results to tribal leaders and health officials

**WHEREAS,** Summary information from your needs assessment, along with a national comparison report from all the needs assessments, will be returned to the governing council and to the local contact person; and,

**WHEREAS,** The confidentiality of enrolled members and Tribal/consortium information is of the utmost importance; therefore, the information in this needs assessment will be collected anonymously by tribal members with the information stored at the UND School of Medicine and Health Sciences within a locked file cabinet and destroyed after a period of ten years.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Ho-Chunk Nation hereby authorizes participation in the "Identifying Our Needs: A Survey of Elders" Native elder social and health needs assessment. The Tribal Council grants permission to the North Dakota, Alaska, and Hawaii National Resource Centers on Native Aging to use all collected needs assessment information in aggregate format for the purpose of disseminating state, regional, and national results from analyses of the data.

**FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED,** that specific information collected within the boundaries of the Ho-Chunk Nation belongs to the Ho-Chunk Nation and may not be released in any form to individuals, agencies, or organizations without additional tribal authorization.

#### CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned, as Tribal Secretary for the Ho-Chunk Nation, 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 **9<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2013**, that the foregoing resolution was adopted at said meeting by an affirmative vote **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 said resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way. I further certify that this is a verified copy of said resolution.

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

7.9.13  
Date