



## **HO-CHUNK NATION LEGISLATURE**

*Governing Body of the Ho-Chunk Nation*

**HO-CHUNK NATION LEGISLATURE  
OFFICIAL SUPPORT OF THE  
TRIBAL PUBLIC HEALTH CAPACITY BUILDING AND QUALITY IMPROVEMENT  
GRANT APPLICATION BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH**

### **RESOLUTION 08-06-13C**

**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) of the Ho-Chunk Nation Constitution ("Constitution") authorizes the Legislature to make laws, including codes, ordinances, resolutions, and statutes; and

**WHEREAS,** Article V, Section 2(i) of the Constitution grants the Legislature the power to negotiate agreements with other governments, organizations, or individuals; 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 of the members of the Ho-Chunk Nation; and

**WHEREAS,** the Ho-Chunk Health Department has jurisdictional authority to public health services in our 16-county CHSDA; intended to promote and protect the Nation's overall health, wellness and safety, prevent disease, and respond to health issues and events, and

**WHEREAS,** the Ho-Chunk Health Department's Community Health, Behavioral Health and Environmental Health division carry the responsibilities of providing such public health services to our native communities; and

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**WHEREAS,** in 2009, stakeholders in Public Health sector initiated an accreditation process with standards and measures to define a systematic approach for public health improvement and promote high performance and continuous quality improvement in the public health sector and recognizes high performers that meet nationally accepted stand of quality and improvement; and

**WHEREAS,** in May 2013, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recognized federally recognized tribes should be availed funds to strengthen and improve the infrastructure and performance of tribal public health agencies and tribal health systems through the provision of capacity building and quality improvement; acknowledging tribal health systems and public health agencies are central to helping to reduce health disparities in our native communities; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature, pursuant to its Constitutional authority, hereby endorses its support for the Department of Health to seek \$100,000, zero match *Tribal Public Health Capacity Building and Quality Improvement* funding to formalize a culturally appropriate, quality improvement programs that strengthens Health's organizational infrastructure and cultivates increased community partnerships and ultimately attain Public Health Accreditation.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature does hereby authorize the Ho-Chunk Nation Health Department to work with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and its designated Priority 2 awardee in meeting our objective.

#### **CERTIFICATION**

I, the undersigned, as Secretary for the Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature, hereby certifies that the Legislature of the Ho-Chunk Nation, composed of **13 members**, of whom **13** constituting a quorum were present at a meeting duly called and convened and held on the **6<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2013**, that the foregoing resolution was adopted at said meeting by an affirmative vote of **13 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

8.6.13  
Date