



HO-CHUNK NATION LEGISLATURE

Governing Body of the Ho-Chunk Nation

DEFEATED

HO-CHUNK NATION LEGISLATURE INITIATION OF DRAWS FROM THE DISTRICT ONE COMMUNITY CENTER RESTRICTED FUND ACCOUNT FOR THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE PROJECT

RESOLUTION 08-19-14B

WHEREAS, on November 01, 1994, the United States Secretary of 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, 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; and

WHEREAS, Article V, Section 2(a) of the Ho-Chunk Nation Constitution ("Constitution") authorizes the Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature to make laws, including codes, ordinances, resolutions and statutes; and

WHEREAS, Article V, Section 2(d) of the Constitution authorizes 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(i) of the Constitution authorizes the Legislature to negotiate and enter into treaties, compacts, contracts, and agreements with other governments, organizations, or individuals; 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 authorizes the Legislature the power to promote public health, education, charity and such other services as may contribute to the social advancement of the Tribal Members of the Ho-Chunk Nation; and

WHEREAS, on July 25, 2012, the Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature Finance Committee approved the construction of a new District One Community Center; and

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WHEREAS, the Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature allocated funding for the construction of the Community Center by creating a restricted fund account via Resolution 08-07-12N with the knowledge that either additional financing or the use of funds from the Nation's long term portfolio would be needed to complete the project; and

WHEREAS, the Ho-Chunk Nation needs approximately \$14.38 million, including the funds in the restrict account, to complete the project; and

WHEREAS, the Ho-Chunk Nation is currently evaluating whether to use the long term portfolio or to pursue financing, including exploring potential financing options, to complete the project once the current set aside funds have been exhausted; and

WHEREAS, there is enough money set aside in the restricted fund to break ground and complete some preliminary groundwork on the District One Community Center before the weather changes and the construction season ends; and

WHEREAS, the District One Community Center is needed in order to provide a gathering place for community members that promotes public safety, health, education and social advancement and fosters Ho-Chunk religious freedom, culture, language, and traditions.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature, pursuant to its constitutional authority, hereby recognizes the need to keep this project moving and authorizes the initiation of draws from the project account for preliminary site development, including but not limited to infrastructure costs (sewer, water, electricity, etc.), and any essential preparatory work not to exceed the balance of the funds appropriated for the project in the restricted account; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature authorizes the Executive Branch to explore the use of financing or the Nation's long term portfolio to complete the Community Center project and bring recommendations back to the Legislature.

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 10 constituting a quorum were present at the meeting duly called and convened and held on the **19th day of August, 2014**, that the foregoing resolution was adopted at said meeting by an affirmative vote of 2 members, 8 members opposed, and 0 members abstaining, pursuant to the authority of 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 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

8.19.14
Date