



HO-CHUNK NATION LEGISLATURE

Governing Body of the Ho-Chunk Nation

HO-CHUNK NATION LEGISLATURE MEDICAL CARE FOR THE HO-CHUNK SH OG LA RESCIND AND RESTATE RESOLUTION 11/07/95-D

RESOLUTION 08-20-13B

- WHEREAS,** on November 1, 1994, the United States Secretary of the 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, pursuant to the Indian Reorganization Act of 1934; and
- WHEREAS,** Article V, Section 2(a) of the Ho-Chunk Nation Constitution ("Constitution") gives the Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature ("Legislature") the power to make laws, including codes, ordinances, resolutions, and statutes; and
- WHEREAS,** Article V, Section 2(b) of the Constitution grants the Legislature the power 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 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(i) of the Constitution grants the Legislature the power 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 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

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WHEREAS, Resolution 11/07/95-D was drafted by Dr. Helen Miner Miller recognizing that one of the primary concerns of the Ho-Chunk is the welfare of the SH OG LA and the desire to continue the journey of life with them. This in order, that the legacy of their wisdom and knowledge be passed on to the young in order to retain the tribal culture, traditions and Ho-Chunk existence. To demonstrate this it is proper for the Tribe to provide a safe and healthy environment for the Ho-Chunk SH OG LA by prioritizing and making medical care programs for them by doing the following:

- study all relevant health insurance protection plans and develop a comprehensive database of existing health insurance needs
- establish a SH OG LA health care protection program that includes (1) Medicare costs, (2) Medicare supplemental coverage and (3) long-term care
- for those with partial health insurance protection the program cover the gaps in their health insurance such as copayments and deductible and the nonmedical costs that are incurred
- varying options for group health insurance be pursued in order to address health care needs for each individual's' circumstances
- the health protection program be in effect immediately with the tribe paying the insurance premiums for the SH OG LA who are without any of the three areas of coverage;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature, pursuant to its Constitutional authority, reaffirms its commitment to providing health insurance to the SH OG La through the elder insurance program.

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 **12** constituting a quorum were present at a meeting duly called and convened and held on the **20th day of August, 2013**, adopted the foregoing resolution at said meeting, by an affirmative vote of **11 members, 0 opposed, and 1 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.

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

8.20.13
Date