



HO-CHUNK NATION LEGISLATURE

Governing Body of the Ho-Chunk Nation

HO-CHUNK NATION LEGISLATURE ESTABLISHMENT OF LEGISLATIVE WORKGROUP FOR THE CREATION OF THE KIJIRE NAGU HEALING CENTER

RESOLUTION 08-20-13E

- 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(e) of the Constitution grants the Legislature the power to raise revenue, including the power to levy and collect taxes and license fees; and
- WHEREAS,** Article V, Section 2(q) of the Constitution grants the Legislature the power to issue charters of incorporation, to charter corporations and other organizations for economic or other purposes, and to regulate their activities; 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
- WHEREAS,** the preamble of the Constitution of the Ho-Chunk Nation establishes the Nation's inherent sovereign right to "advance the general welfare, safeguard our interests, sustain our culture, promote our traditions and perpetuate our existence"; and
- WHEREAS,** the Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature adopted various resolutions to financially support the development of Kijire Nagu Healing Center (otherwise known as the Healing Center for Addiction) for the purpose of "securing our future generations' health and well-being," including Resolution 11-17-09M, Resolution 5-06-11B, and Resolution 6-21-11E; and
- WHEREAS,** the Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature further committed to financially support the completion of the Center and has adopted Resolution 5-03-11C, enacting the Tax Code (5 HCC §10); and

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WHEREAS, Section 14 of the Tax Code specifically addresses funding for the Healing Center and allows up to twenty-five (25%) of the Ho-Chunk Nation tax revenues to be allocated into a special revenue account for the Healing Center for Addiction; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature has continued to organize and assist, in various degrees, meetings of the Healing Center working group, and support its efforts; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature worked with the stakeholders of the working group to issue Requests for Proposal (RFPs) related to planning and development of the Healing Center for Addiction; 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

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 Legislature finds that a Healing Center Workgroup is necessary in order to move forward with the development of the Healing Center;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Legislature, pursuant to its authority under the Constitution and tribal law, hereby establishes the Healing Center Workgroup, consisting of: any interested Legislators, or other Legislative employees or staff designated by Legislators; any Executive Branch employees or staff so authorized to participate; and community members; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature hereby approves the Healing Center Workgroup as well as a representative from Traditional Court and Clan Mothers to oversee the planning and impetus to move the Original Resolution 10-11-03J; use and management of all previous documents and Comprehensive Master Plan and all other documents developed in regard to the Healing Center and; furthermore; to establish a budget by utilizing funds specifically designated for the Healing Center through the Ho-Chunk Nation Tax Code; and

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 Healing Center 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 **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 **12 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.

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

8.20.13
Date

