



HO-CHUNK NATION LEGISLATURE

Governing Body of the Ho-Chunk Nation

HO-CHUNK NATION LEGISLATURE DENIAL OF GRANTING A SUITABILITY WAIVER FOR CASE NO. WV13-006

RESOLUTION 08-20-13F

- 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, organized pursuant to the Indian Reorganization Act of 1934; and
- WHEREAS,** Article V, Section 2(a) of the Ho-Chunk Nation Constitution ("Constitution") grants the Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature ("Legislature") the power 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(f) of the Constitution grants the Legislature the power to set the salaries, terms and conditions of employment for all governmental personnel; and
- WHEREAS,** Article V, Section 2(h) of the Constitution grants the Legislature the power to enact all laws prohibiting and regulation conduct, and imposing penalties upon all persons within the jurisdiction of the Nation; 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(t) of the Constitution grants the Legislature the power to enact laws governing law enforcement on lands within the jurisdiction of the 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 Legislature adopted the Amended and Restated Gaming Ordinance (5 HCC § 1) (hereinafter "Gaming Ordinance"), which was last amended by resolution 1-28-08 D; and
- WHEREAS,** Section 17(c)(4) of the Gaming Ordinance grants the Legislature the power to waive by legislative resolution any requirements set forth in Section 17 (c)(2) of the Ordinance for any applicant when the applicant has demonstrated on the record before the Ho-Chunk Nation Gaming Commission ("Gaming Commission") evidence of sufficient rehabilitation and present fitness to hold a license. The recommendation to grant a waiver will be submitted by the Gaming Commission to the Legislature for their consideration and final decision; and

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WHEREAS, Section 14 of the *Gaming Ordinance* grants the Gaming Commission the power and responsibility to enforce this Ordinance, and to ensure compliance with this Ordinance, the *Indian Gaming Regulatory Act* (25 U.S.C. §2701 *et seq.*), the Compact, any licenses issued, and any orders of the Commission or Legislature; and

WHEREAS, on May 30, 2013, the Gaming Commission convened Preliminary Waiver Hearing, Case No. WV13-006, for James C. Jones and found that based on the testimony and exhibits, Mr. Jones provided evidence of sufficient rehabilitation and present fitness to hold a gaming license; therefore, Gaming Commission submitted a recommendation to the Legislature, for their consideration and final decision, that Mr. Jones be granted a suitability waiver so that he may obtain a gaming license.

WHEREAS, on August 6, 2013, the Legislature, having considered the record and recommendation in Preliminary Waiver Hearing Case No. WV13-006, finds James c. Jones not suitable to hold a gaming license.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature, pursuant to its Constitutional authority, and pursuant to the standards set forth in the *Amended and Restated Gaming Ordinance*, hereby denies a suitability waiver to James C. Jones.

CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned, as Secretary of the Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature, 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, that foregoing resolution adopted at said meeting by an affirmative vote of 11 members, 0 opposed, and 1 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

8.20.13
Date