



## **HO-CHUNK NATION LEGISLATURE**

*Governing Body of the Ho-Chunk Nation*

### **HO-CHUNK NATION LEGISLATURE HO-CHUNK NATION 2012-2015 INDIAN CHILD WELFARE ANNUAL FUNDING AGREEMENT WITH THE BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS**

#### **RESOLUTION 09-25-12E**

- 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") grants the Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature ("Legislature") the power 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 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 Nation 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,** our Ho-Chunk children are at risk for being abused, neglected or exploited due to a multitude of economic, social and psychological factors, and
- WHEREAS,** the Ho-Chunk Nation Child and Family Services Division will engage the families in defining the skills and services they need to strengthen and stabilize their families according to Ho-Chunk tradition and custom,

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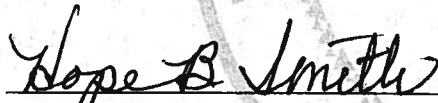
**WHEREAS,** the Ho-Chunk Nation Child and Family Services Division will facilitate supportive services to families to initiate the process of effective reunification of children back into their families or individuals cited in the Order of Preference of the Ho-Cak Nation Children and Family Code (HCC-003); and

**WHEREAS,** the Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Social Services Child and Family Services Division will Facilitate a program design to positively impact safety issues and focus on prevention and protection of Children and families in the annual Funding Agreement for the 2012-2015 contract period.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Legislative body of the Ho-Chunk Nation renders its full support to the Department of the Interior/BIA to effectively address the abuse, neglect and exploitation experienced by Ho-Chunk Nation children and their families through creating opportunities for change within their redefined family system.

#### 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 **7** constituting a quorum were present at a meeting duly called and convened and held that on the **25<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2012**, adopted the foregoing resolution at said meeting by an affirmative vote of **7 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 verified copy of said resolution.

  
Hope B. Smith, Tribal Secretary

  
Date