



HO-CHUNK NATION LEGISLATURE

Governing Body of the Ho-Chunk Nation

HO-CHUNK NATION LEGISLATURE DENIAL OF A SUITABILITY WAIVER FOR CASE NO. WV12-010

RESOLUTION 09-25-12L

- 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 an *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) 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 July 19, 2012, the Gaming Commission convened Preliminary Waiver Hearing Case No. WV12-010 for Heidi Falkenstein, and based on the testimony and exhibits offered, the Gaming Commission finds that Ms. Falkenstein provided evidence of sufficient rehabilitation and present fitness to hold a gaming license. The Gaming Commission is submitting, for Legislative consideration and final decision, a recommendation that Ms. Falkenstein be granted a waiver so that she may obtain a gaming license. Should a suitability waiver be granted the Commission will impose the following condition on her gaming license: Ms. Falkenstein shall have no new criminal conviction in any jurisdiction for no less than two years from the date of this decision.

WHEREAS, on September 25, 2012, the Legislature, having considered the record and recommendation in Preliminary Waiver Hearing Case No. WV12-010, finds Heidi Falkenstein 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 Heidi A. Falkenstein.

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 10 constituting a quorum were present at a meeting duly called and convened and held on the 25th of September, 2012, that foregoing resolution adopted at said meeting by an affirmative vote of 9 members, 1 opposed, and 0 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.



Hope B. Smith, Tribal Secretary



Date