



HO-CHUNK NATION LEGISLATURE

Governing Body of the Ho-Chunk Nation

HO-CHUNK NATION LEGISLATURE APPROVAL OF FINANCING APPLICATION FOR HEALTH AND WELLNESS COMMUNITY CENTER WITH THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

RESOLUTION 10-21-14AA

WHEREAS, on November 01, 1994, the United States Secretary of Interior approved a new Constitution for the Ho-Chunk Nation, formerly known as the Wisconsin Winnebago Business Committee; and

WHEREAS, the Ho-Chunk Nation ("Nation") is a federally-recognized Indian Tribe, organized pursuant to the Indian Reorganization Act of 1934; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature of the Ho-Chunk Nation ("Legislature") is the duly constituted governing body of the Ho-Chunk Nation pursuant to the Constitution of the Ho-Chunk Nation; and

WHEREAS, Article V, Section 2(a) of the Ho-Chunk Nation Constitution ("Constitution") authorizes the Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature to make laws, including codes, ordinances, resolutions and statutes; and

WHEREAS, Article V, Section 2(d) of the Constitution authorizes 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 authorizes the Legislature to negotiate and enter into treaties, compacts, contracts, and agreements with other governments, organizations, or individuals; and

WHEREAS, Article V, Section 2(s) of the Constitution authorizes the Legislature the power to promote public health, education, charity and such other services as may contribute to the social advancement of the Tribal Members of the Ho-Chunk Nation; and

WHEREAS, the Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature allocated funding toward the construction of the Community Center but that the funds set aside would need to be enhanced by additional financing to complete the project; and

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WHEREAS, the Ho-Chunk Nation is eligible to participate in the USDA Grant Program for funds by virtue of submitting a proposed plan for expenditure of the grant moneys to the USDA Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, the USDA Loan program either standing alone or as a loan guaranty mixed with New Market Tax Credits is the most efficient and cost effective way to raise the funding necessary to complete the District One Community Center Project.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature, pursuant to its constitutional authority, approves the request by the Ho-Chunk Nation Treasury Department to submit the form pre-application document to U.S. Department of Agriculture for approval of the Nation to participate in the USDA's grant and loan programs; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature authorizes the President of the Ho-Chunk Nation to sign the application for funds for the USDA Program; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in order to keep the process moving, that the Nation's Treasury Department, along with those listed in the Nation's Debt Management Policy to have involvement with the Nation's financing, begin the process of sending out RFP's for the bank(s) that will be involved in the financing should USDA approve the application.

CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned, as Tribal Secretary for the Ho-Chunk Nation, hereby certify that the Legislature of the Ho-Chunk Nation, composed of 13 members, of whom 13 constituting a quorum were present at the meeting duly called and convened and held on the **21st day of October, 2014**, that the foregoing resolution was adopted at said meeting by an affirmative vote of 12 members, 0 members opposed, and 1 members abstaining, pursuant to the authority of 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 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

10.21.14
Date