



## **HO-CHUNK NATION LEGISLATURE**

*Governing Body of the Ho-Chunk Nation*

### **HO-CHUNK NATION LEGISLATURE SUPPORT FOR NOMINATION OF JONODEV CHAUDHURI TO BE CHAIRMAN OF THE NATIONAL INDIAN GAMING COMMISSION**

#### **RESOLUTION 12-09-14I**

**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") gives the Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature ("Legislature") the power to make laws, including codes, ordinances, resolutions, and statutes; 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 Ho-Chunk Nation ("Nation") has successfully utilized the provisions of the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act ("IGRA") to conduct gaming on its lands in Wisconsin and improve the self-sufficiency of the Nation, its members, and employees; and

**WHEREAS**, the Nation regulates its Class II and Class III gaming operations through the Nation's Gaming Commission, which works cooperatively with the National Indian Gaming Commission's Central and Regional Offices on matters of enforcement, training, and regulation; and

**WHEREAS**, the Nation takes great interest in matters that impact gaming in Indian Country, especially as it concerns the mission and activities of the National Indian Gaming Commission ("NIGC"); and

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**WHEREAS,** President Barack Obama recently nominated Mr. Jonodev Osceola Chaudhuri to be the Chairman of the NIGC, and the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs conducted his nomination hearing on November 12, 2014; and

**WHEREAS,** Jonodev Chaudhuri currently serves as Vice Chairman and Associate Commissioner of the NIGC, and he also served as Acting Chairman of the NIGC from October 2013 to April 2014; prior to joining the NIGC, Mr. Chaudhuri was Senior Counselor to the Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs at the Department of the Interior from 2012 to 2013; and

**WHEREAS,** the Legislature of the Nation, in recognition of Mr. Chaudhuri's strong support for Indian Country and exceptional qualifications, finds it appropriate to express its support for the nomination of Jonodev Chaudhuri to be Chairman of the NIGC.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Legislature, pursuant to its Constitutional authority, highly recommends Jonodev Chaudhuri for the position of Chairman of the NIGC, and recommends his swift confirmation by the United States Senate.

#### 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 10 constituting a quorum were present at a meeting duly called and convened and held that on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2014, adopted the foregoing resolution at said meeting by an affirmative vote of 10 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.

Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit  
Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit, Tribal Secretary

12.9.14  
Date