



HO-CHUNK NATION LEGISLATURE

Governing Body of the Ho-Chunk Nation

HO-CHUNK NATION LEGISLATURE AUTHORIZATION TO PLAN FOR COMMEMORATIVE EVENT TO CELEBRATE BADGER ARMY AMMUNITION PLANT LAND TRANSFER

RESOLUTION 12-09-14M

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(b) of the Constitution grants the Legislature the power to establish Executive Departments, and to delegate legislative powers to the Executive branch to be administered by such Departments, in accordance with the law; any Department established by the Legislature shall be administered by the Executive; the Legislature reserves the power to review any action taken by virtue of such delegated power; 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(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(l) of the Constitution grants the Legislature the power to enact laws to manage, lease, permit, or otherwise deal with the Nation's lands, interests in lands or other assets; and

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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 Badger Army Ammunition Plant (BAAP) lands in Baraboo, Wisconsin, are located on the Nation's aboriginal lands that were ceded to the United States through the Treaty of 1837, and they contain traditional, cultural and sacred areas important to the Nation; and

WHEREAS, many years ago, the U.S. Department of the Army declared the BAAP land surplus and proposed to move the property out of Federal ownership, which caused the Nation to assert a claim for surplus lands through the Bureau of Indian Affairs; and

WHEREAS, the Nation has spent significant time and resources, including staff time, legal assistance, and outside consultants to secure the return of land for the benefit of the Nation's members; and the Nation has worked closely with the U.S. Army, the State of Wisconsin, and the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR), and has forged inter-governmental relationships with the State, local governments and communities to realize its land use plans in collaborative fashion to benefit tribal members and the surrounding community; and

WHEREAS, the Nation has collaborated with members of the Wisconsin Congressional Delegation, including Representative Ron Kind and Senator Tammy Baldwin, to secure the BAAP lands.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature, pursuant to its authority under the Constitution, hereby authorizes the establishment of a commemorative planning group to celebrate the Nation's acceptance of former BAAP lands into trust, subject to further planning and coordination of the specific date and other details.

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 8 constituting a quorum were present at a meeting duly called and convened and held that on the **9th day of December, 2014**, adopted the foregoing resolution at said meeting by an affirmative vote of 8 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.

Kathleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit
Kathleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit, Tribal Secretary

12.9.14
Date