



HO-CHUNK NATION LEGISLATURE

Governing Body of the Ho-Chunk Nation

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APPROVAL OF TRUE INCREASE TO
RESOLUTION 06-22-21 X ADOPTION OF HO-CHUNK NATION
EXECUTIVE BRANCH BUDGET BILL FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022
FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES
CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES CHILD PLACEMENT ASSISTANCE**

RESOLUTION 02-23-22 A

- WHEREAS,** on November 1, 1994, the 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 Constitution of the Nation (“Constitution”) grants the Legislature of the Nation (“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; and Department established by the Legislature shall be administered by the Executive; the Legislature reserves the power to review any action taken by the 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,** the *Appropriations and Budget Process Act 2* HCC §4.6 states that “there shall be no true increases to a budget, except in emergency circumstances when it has been considered by the Legislative Finance Committee and approved by a two-thirds vote of the Legislature”; and

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been considered by the Legislative Finance Committee and approved by a two-thirds vote of the Legislature”; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature approved the 2020-2021 Fiscal Year Budget by Resolution 06-22-21 X Adoption of Ho-Chunk Nation Executive Branch Budget Bill fro Fiscal Year 2021-2022 which provided funding for the Department of Social Services Child and Family Services Placement Assistance line item; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Social Services has identified that the Child and Family Services Placement Assistance line item is in need of additional funding for children in out-of-home placement and requests \$1,108,485.19 for the current budget deficit and the remainder of the 2021-2022 Fiscal Year; and

WHEREAS, Placement Assistance is provided to homes that care for Ho-Chunk children pursuant to the placement preferences set forth in Ho-Chunk Nation law, and must be adequately funded to assure that a sufficient number of such homes are available;

WHEREAS, at the February 9, 2022 Finance Committee meeting a motion was passed stating that the need for a true increase to the Department of Social Services Child and Family Services budget for Placement Assistance was an emergency and to refer the request to the Legislature for approval; and

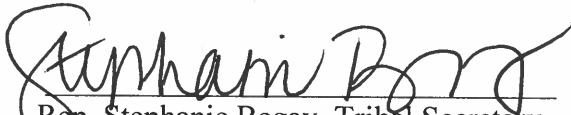
WHEREAS, the Legislature recognizes the need and wishes to provide a true increase to the 2021-2022 Fiscal Year Budget for the Department of Social Services Child and Family Services Placement Assistance;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Legislature of the Ho-Chunk Nation, pursuant to its constitutional authority, hereby designates a true increase to the Department of Social Services 2020-2021 Fiscal Year Budget in the amount of \$1,108,485.19 for the Child and Family Services Placement Assistance line item from the Ho-Chunk Nation General fund, Short Term Reserves. The balance of any remaining funds will be transferred to the General Fund prior to the end of the fiscal year;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED in order to prevent the need for a true increase next year as has occurred the past few years, the Legislature requests that the Executive Branch submit a Fiscal Year 2022-2023 budget that more accurately funds the Department of Social Services Child and Family Services Placement Assistance line item.

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 **12** constituting a quorum were present at a meeting duly called and convened and held on this **23rd day of February, 2022**, that the foregoing resolution was adopted at said meeting by an affirmative vote of **11 members, 0 opposed, and 1 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.


Rep. Stephanie Begay, Tribal Secretary

02.23.22
Date