



## **HO-CHUNK NATION LEGISLATURE**

*Governing Body of the Ho-Chunk Nation*

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APPROVAL OF 2022-2023  
PROPERTY & CASUALTY INSURANCE  
RENEWAL RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE HO-CHUNK NATION**

### **RESOLUTION 06-21-22 A**

- 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 Action 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(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(s) of the Constitution grants the Legislature the power to promote public health, education, charity, and such other services as may contribute to the social advancement of the members of the Ho-Chunk Nation; 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 forgoing list of powers; and

**WHEREAS,** the Nation maintains Property and Casualty insurance coverage for the Nation with the terms and conditions of that plan set by the Legislature, but the Nation's Personnel Department-Insurance Division helps to maintain and administer such programs, with the assistance of an outside insurance and risk management consulting firm retained by the Nation (Gallagher Insurance and Consulting); and

**WHEREAS,** the typical practice between the Department of Personnel Insurance Staff and the Legislature is that any recommended changes are considered by the Legislature, and if approved in concept, then prepared for contract review and signature as part of the Nation's standard administrative practice; and

**WHEREAS,** the Insurance Division, along with Gallagher, recently reviewed coverage options and quotes for the Nation's Property and Casualty insurance carriers for the coverage period of July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023, in order to ensure adequate liability protections at reasonable rates; and

**WHEREAS,** the Insurance Division, along with Gallagher, now provides an overview of proposed premium rates for renewal of the Nation's Property & Casualty coverage with carriers such as: Tribal First, Gerber Life, ACE American, Safety National, Amerind, and Beazley, including summarized coverage for the period of July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023; and the Insurance Division recommended acceptance of the total program renewal cost of \$2,151,525 for this time period; and

**WHEREAS,** the Legislature, in consideration of the costs and mitigation of impacts on the Nation's budget and employees, finds the recommendations by the Insurance Division to be reasonable and appropriate; and

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Legislature, pursuant to its Constitutional authority, and for the reasons stated above, hereby concurs with the recommendations from the Insurance Division, along with Gallagher, and authorizes the President, Vice President, or either of the Presiding Officers of the Legislative Finance Committee, to execute any necessary documents to put the FY 2022-23 Property & Casualty coverage into place; and

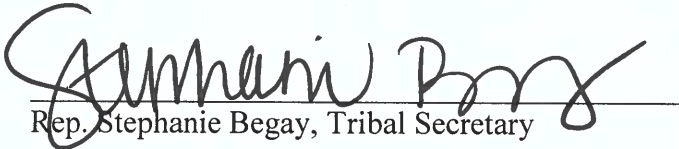
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that this adopting Resolution authorizes the Nation, and above-noted Officials, to bind the property and casualty renewal policies for 2022-23; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that nothing herein is intended to waive the Nation's sovereign immunity from suit, and that no approval expressed herewith shall be deemed an implied waiver;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that any changes and amendments to the Nation's property-casualty plans that are contemplated by the Insurance Division's recommendation are subject to legislative approval.

### CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned, as Tribal Secretary of the Ho-Chunk Nation, 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 hold on the **21<sup>st</sup> day of June, 2022**, adopted the foregoing resolution at said meeting by an affirmative vote of **12 members, 0 opposed, and 0 abstaining**, pursuant to 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

06.21.22  
Date