



**HO-CHUNK NATION LEGISLATURE**  
*Governing Body of the Ho-Chunk Nation*

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RESCISSION AND RESTATEMENT OF RESOLUTION 1-05-16C  
ESTABLISHMENT OF STAND ROCK  
LEGISLATIVE WORKGROUP**

**RESOLUTION 02-14-23 C**

- WHEREAS,** on November 1, 1994, the United States Secretary of Interior approved a new Constitution of the Ho-Chunk Nation, formerly known as the Wisconsin Winnebago Nation; 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 Ho-Chunk Nation grants the Legislature the authority to make laws, including codes, ordinances, resolutions, and statutes; and
- WHEREAS,** Article V, Section 2(d) of the Constitution allows the Legislature to authorize expenditures by law and appropriate funds to the various Departments in an annual budget; 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
- WHEREAS,** Article V, Section 2(r) of the Constitution grants the Legislature the power to protect and foster Ho-Chunk religious freedom, culture, language, and traditions; and
- WHEREAS,** Article V, Section 2(s) of the Constitution authorizes the Legislature 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
- 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 *Legislative Organization Act*, 2 HCC §11, (“LOA”) provides that an internal Work Group or Task Force may be established in order to assist the Legislature by providing information necessary to carry out Legislative law-making and oversight functions; and

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**WHEREAS,** the Nation's *Open Meetings Act*, 2 HCC §2, contemplates that a Work Group or Task Force will be used as a temporary, short-term ad hoc body established by a governmental entity for a focused effort on a specific issue; and

**WHEREAS,** the LOA does not restrict Legislator(s) participation in a Ho-Chunk government task force(s) as an ex officio member when appointed by the Legislature; and

**WHEREAS,** the Legislature established a Legislative Workgroup regarding the Stand Rock Indian Ceremonial in 2016, through Resolution 1-05-16C, in order to explore the feasibility of reviving the Stand Rock Indian Ceremonial and Dells Park Indian Village venues in the Wisconsin Dells area; and

**WHEREAS,** for nearly 80 years, from 1919 to 1997, members of the Ho-Chunk Nation performed ceremonial dances at Stand Rock, along the shores of the Wisconsin River, in the Wisconsin Dells; the Stand Rock Indian Ceremonial became legendary and was one of the most popular attractions in the area for many years; by 1940, the ceremonial earned the distinction of being the only all-Native American show in the United States; and

**WHEREAS,** the Stand Rock Ceremonial performances ended several years ago, but interest remains among tribal members and to revive the venue; thus, the Legislature found it appropriate to review the Stand Rock land issues and explore the possibility of reviving the venue; and

**WHEREAS,** the land known as Stand Rock, in the Wisconsin Dells, is owned by the State of Wisconsin; and

**WHEREAS,** the Legislature finds it appropriate to continue its review of the Stand Rock property ownership and potential acquisition, through a Legislative Workgroup; and

**WHEREAS,** the Legislature finds it appropriate to rescind Resolution 1-05-16C and restate the same, in order to honor the original establishment and refocus the Workgroup, based on the Legislature's constitutional authority to address land issues and exercise legislative powers under Article V of the Constitution;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Legislature, pursuant to its authority under the Constitution and tribal law, hereby rescinds and restates Resolution 1-05-16C, thus maintaining the established Legislative Workgroup regarding the land known as Stand Rock in the Wisconsin Dells, and the Stand Rock Indian Ceremonial, but reframing its focus (as noted above);

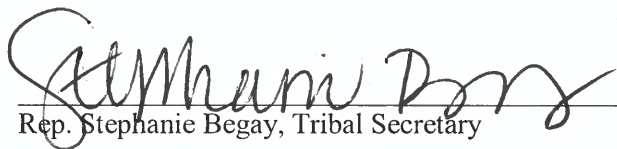
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Workgroup shall consist of: any interested Legislators, or other Legislative employees, staff, or outside professionals designated by Legislators; and any Executive Branch employees or staff invited by Legislators; as well as any other persons deemed necessary by the Legislature;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the workgroup shall report on their activity and progress to the Legislature;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the workgroup created herein shall not be considered a Public Body under the Nation's Open Meetings Act and shall be not be required to adhere to Quorum or meeting posting requirements;

**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 **12** constituting a quorum were present at a meeting duly called and convened and held that on the **14<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2023**, adopted the foregoing resolution at said meeting by an affirmative vote of **12 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.

  
Rep. Stephanie Begay, Tribal Secretary

02.14.23  
Date