



## HO-CHUNK NATION LEGISLATURE

*Governing Body of the Ho-Chunk Nation*

### HO-CHUNK NATION LEGISLATURE AUTHORIZATION FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES TO APPLY FOR THE NATIVE AGRICULTURE AND FOOD SYSTEMS INITIATIVE GATHER FOOD SOVEREIGNTY GRANT

#### RESOLUTION 02-21-23 C

- 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 Act 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(i) of the Constitution grants the Legislature 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
- 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 Department of Social Services would like to pursue the Gather Food Sovereignty Grant through the Native Agriculture and Food Systems Initiative, a program led by the non-profit First Nations Development Institute; and

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**WHEREAS,** the purpose of the grant is to support work that contributes to building a movement to fulfill a vision of Native communities and food systems that are self-directed, well-resourced, and supported by community policies and systems; and

**WHEREAS,** the grant will offer awards averaging \$32,000 with no matching-fund requirement and will target emerging projects focused on developing Tribal Food Sovereignty; and

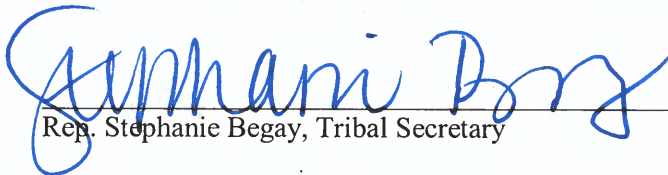
**WHEREAS,** the grant period is anticipated from April 1, 2023 through February 28, 2024, with an application deadline of February 28, 2023;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Legislature, pursuant to its Constitutional authority, hereby authorizes the Department of Social Services to apply for the Native Agriculture and Food Systems Initiative Gather Food Sovereignty Grant and to accept any award offered pursuant to that application;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Vice President is authorized to sign any grant-related documents associated with application or award of this opportunity.

#### 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 **11** constituting a quorum were present at a meeting duly called and convened and held on the **21<sup>st</sup> day of February, 2023**, that the foregoing resolution was adopted at said meeting by an affirmative vote of **11 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

02-21-23  
Date