



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

**HO-CHUNK NATION LEGISLATURE
AUTHORIZATION FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
TO APPLY FOR THE USDA FARM SERVICE AGENCY
AGRICULTURAL RISK COVERAGE AND PRICE LOSS COVERAGE**

RESOLUTION 02-21-23 F

- 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(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
- 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

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WHEREAS, the Nation has an Agricultural Lease Code, which provides opportunities to lease Tribal land for agricultural production and which incorporates generally accepted agricultural and management practices; and

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Agriculture, Farm Service Agency (“FSA”) offers Agricultural Risk Coverage and Price Loss Coverage (“ARC/PLC”) in which farm producers may enroll to protect against unexpected losses in crop yield and price fluctuations in the agricultural markets; and

WHEREAS, in order to access the benefits of the ARC/PLC, including opportunities to apply for and purchase crop insurance and receive payment in a timely manner, the Nation, as the land owner, must give approval for a Lessee to enter into a contract to elect for ARC/PLC coverage; and

WHEREAS, participation in the FSA programs requires the signature of a duly elected official with signature authority of the Nation, which must be submitted no later than March 15, 2023;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature, pursuant to its Constitutional authority, hereby authorizes and supports the Nation and Lessees’ participation in any and all USDA Farm Service Agency Agricultural Risk Coverage and Price Loss Coverage, in compliance with the Nation’s Agricultural Lease Code;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Vice-President is authorized to sign any documents associated with the annual contracts and elections or documents that are otherwise necessary for participation in these programs.

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 **21st 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