WHEREAS, on November 1, 1994, the United States Secretary of Interior approved a new Constitution for the Ho-Chunk Nation (“Constitution”), 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, pursuant to Article IV, Section 1 of the Constitution, the People of the Ho-Chunk Nation hereby grant all inherent sovereign powers to the General Council; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article IV, Section 1, all eligible voters of the Ho-Chunk Nation are entitled to participate in General Council; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article IV, Section 3 (a), the General Council retains the power to set policy for the Nation; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article IV, Section Article 3 (b), the General Council retains the power to review and reverse actions of the Legislature except those enumerated in Section 4 of this Article. The General Council shall return such reversals to the Legislature for reconsideration consistent with the action of the General Council; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article IV, Section 3 (b), the General Council retains the power to review and reverse decisions of the Judiciary which interpret actions of the Legislature. The General Council does not retain the power to review and reverse decisions of the Judiciary which interpret this Constitution; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article IV, Section 3 (c), the General Council retains the power to propose amendments in accordance with Article XIII, including those which reverse decisions of the Judiciary interpreting this Constitution; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article IV, Section 3 (e), the General Council retains the power to call a Special Election; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article IV, Section 3 (f), action by the General Council shall be binding; and
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WHEREAS, pursuant to Article IV, Section 5, and Article VI Section 2 (j), an Annual Meeting has been duly called and notice duly given by the President; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article IV, Section 7, twenty (20) percent of the eligible voters of the Nation present in General Council shall constitute a quorum; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article IV, Section 7, each action of the General Council shall require the presence of a quorum; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article IV, § 3(c) and (f) and Art. IV § 13, the General Council instructs the Legislature to authorize expenditures and appropriate funds for each branch of government; and

WHEREAS, the General Council finds that recent legislation, laws, and statutes are out of touch with the values, traditions, and customs of the Ho-Chunk Nation; and

WHEREAS, the General Council finds it in the best interests of the Ho-Chunk Nation to ensure that custodians of the customs, traditions, and values of the Ho-Chunk Nation conduct regular reviews of all new forms of legislation drafted by the Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature to ensure the preservation and endurance of Ho-Chunk Nation culture and preserve the interests of the Nation.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the General Council hereby establishes a standing sub-committee of the General Council called the TRADITIONAL REVIEW COMMITTEE.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the purpose of the Traditional Review Committee is to examine legislation drafted by the Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature and provide comment and revisions during the constitutionally-mandated 45-day review period and also review past enacted legislation to provide comments and suggested revisions ensure all legislation drafted and passed by the Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature incorporates and honors Ho-Chunk Nation traditions, customs, and values.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Traditional Review Committee shall be comprised of three (3) representatives of the Ho-Chunk Nation Traditional Court, and three (3) representatives of the Ho-Chunk Nation Clan Mothers; and that the members may consult with others on matters concerning both culture and spirituality.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the General Council hereby instructs the General Council Agency and/or the Office of the General Council to add to the budget the expense for operation of the Traditional Review Committee.
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the General Council hereby instructs the Legislature, via Art. IV § 3 (c) and (f) and Art. IV § 13 to authorize expenditures and appropriate funds for the General Council’s Traditional Review Committee hereafter annually; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Traditional Review Committee is instructed to meet at least quarterly or more often if needed.

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED that if any term or provision of this Resolution is determined by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unenforceable such term or provision shall be stricken and of no further force and effect, and the remainder of the Resolution shall continue in full force and effect.

CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned, as Secretary for the Ho-Chunk Nation General Council, hereby certify that the General Council of the Ho-Chunk Nation, composed of _______ members, of whom _______ constituting a quorum were present at a meeting duly called and convened and held on the 11th day of December, 2021, that the foregoing resolution was adopted at said meeting by affirmative vote of _______ members, _______ opposed, and _______ abstaining, pursuant to the authority of Article IV, Section 3 of the Constitution of the Ho-Chunk Nation approved by the Secretary of the Interior on November 1, 1994, and that said resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way. I further certify that this is a verified copy of said resolution.

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Tribal Secretary

Date