



THE MILLE LACS BAND OF  
**OJIBWE INDIANS**

*Legislative Branch of Tribal Government*

**JOINT SESSION OF THE BAND ASSEMBLY  
RESOLUTION 21-01-04-24**

**A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE MILLE LACS BAND OF OJIBWE  
OFFICE OF THE SOLICITOR GENERAL AS THE ENTITY  
RESPONSIBLE FOR CONDUCTING THE CRIMINAL BACKGROUND  
INVESTIGATIONS OF CANDIDATES FOR THE 2024 MINNESOTA  
CHIPPEWA TRIBE ELECTION ON THE MILLE LACS RESERVATION**

- WHEREAS, the Mille Lacs Band Assembly (“Band Assembly”) is the duly elected legislative body of the Non-Removable Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe (“Band”), a federally recognized Indian Tribe; and
- WHEREAS, pursuant to 3 MLBS § 3(d), the Band Assembly is empowered to adopt resolutions; and
- WHEREAS, pursuant to 4 MLBS § 6, the Chief Executive has the power to exercise the executive powers of Band government; and
- WHEREAS, the Tribal Executive Committee of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe (“MCT”) adopted a revised Election Ordinance on December 11, 2023; and
- WHEREAS, Section 1.3(D)(5) of the Election Ordinance states that “[e]ach Band governing body shall designate the entity responsible for conducting the [required criminal background investigations];” and
- WHEREAS, Section 1.3(D)(5) of the Election Ordinance also states that “Each [required criminal background investigations] must include a comprehensive search of federal, state, and the readily available tribal records for each candidate’s entire adult life;” and
- WHEREAS, Section 1.3(D)(5) of the Election Ordinance further states that the required criminal background investigations “shall commence immediately upon filing and execution of the required forms by persons seeking to be candidates and be completed prior to the date the notice of certification of candidates is due[;]” and
- WHEREAS, pursuant to 24 MLBS § 1054(j), the “Solicitor General is authorized to perform background investigations for purposes of employment and election purposes[;]” and

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WHEREAS, the results of the criminal background investigations are confidential and shall be sealed by the Solicitor General upon completion and remain sealed until personally delivered to the Joint Session of the Band Assembly on the date established for certification of the candidates when the envelope(s) will be opened by the elected officials; and

WHEREAS, the Solicitor General shall ensure that any employee who may handle the confidential results of the criminal background investigations of the candidates be required to maintain the confidential nature of these findings and shall ensure that no communications to third parties be made.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Office of the Solicitor General is hereby designated as the entity responsible for conducting the criminal background investigations of candidates for the 2024 Mille Lacs Band elections.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Office of the Solicitor General is authorized to utilize a third party to conduct the background investigations.

WE DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing resolution was duly concurred with and adopted at a Joint Session of the Band Assembly, a quorum of elected officials being present, held on the 22nd day of January, 2024, at Nayahshing, Minnesota, by a vote of 5 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 SILENT.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we, the Joint Session of the Band Assembly, hereunto cause to have set the signature of the Speaker of the Assembly.

  
Sheldon Boyd, Speaker of the Assembly

**OFFICIAL SEAL OF THE BAND**

