



Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe Indians

*Executive Branch of Tribal Government
Office of the Chief Executive*

Via E-mail

September 4, 2024

Sheldon Boyd, Speaker of the Assembly
Carolyn Beaulieu, District I Representative
Wendy Merrill, District II Representative
Harry Davis, District III Representative

Re: Recommending Ratification of Band's Membership with the National Congress of American Indians

Dear Band Assembly:

Pursuant to 4 MLBS § 6(d), I respectfully recommend and request that the Band Assembly ratify and renew the Band's agreements to maintain its status as a member of the National Congress of American Indians ("NCAI"). The 2025 National Congress of American Indians Convention will begin on October 27, 2024. The Band must submit a resolution with its application and payment to NCAI by October 7, 2024.

The Mille Lacs Band has been a member of NCAI for more than 30 years. NCAI membership offers several benefits to the Band. NCAI serves as a unified lobbying front for Tribes across the nation. Having a single voice makes all member Tribes collectively stronger. NCAI membership enables the Band to influence NCAI's lobbying priorities in Washington, D.C. NCAI membership also expands the Band's networking, giving the Band proximity to tribal leaders and legislators across the nation.

I have included with this letter the Band's application and a proposed resolution for the Band Assembly's consideration. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you would like to discuss this further.

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A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Virgil Wind", is written over a horizontal line.

Virgil Wind
Chief Executive

Letter from Chief Executive Virgil Wind to Band Assembly
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CC:

Darcie Big Bear, Parliamentarian/Clerk of the Band Assembly
Jared Miller, Legislative Counsel

Enclosures:

1. Mille Lacs Band NCAI Tribal Membership Application 2024-2025
2. Proposed Resolution