



## *Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe Indians*

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

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November 17, 2025

Office of Tribal Relations  
U.S. Department of Agriculture  
1400 Independence Ave. SW  
Suite 501-A  
Washington, DC 20250

Re: Proxy Designation for Tribal Consultation with the Food, Nutrition, and Consumer Services

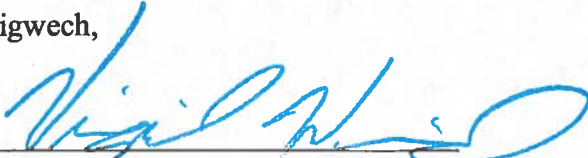
To the Office of Tribal Relations:

Under Executive Order 13175, "Consultation and Coordination with Indian Tribal Governments," and USDA Departmental Regulation 1350-002, "Tribal Consultation, Coordination, and Collaboration," USDA aims to respect Indian Tribal self-government and sovereignty, honor Tribal treaty and other rights, and meet the responsibilities that arise from the unique legal relationship between the Federal government and Tribal governments.

Because duly elected Tribal leaders, or their designee, trigger the government-to-government relationship with the United States, formal administrative requirements under the Federal Advisory Committee Act do not apply.<sup>1</sup>

I am unable to attend the upcoming Tribal Consultation with the Food, Nutrition, and Consumer services scheduled December 10, 2025. I hereby designate Carmen Kalk, who holds the position of Executive Director of Human Services within the Tribe to act as my proxy for this meeting.

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<sup>1</sup> See Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA; 5 U.S.C. Appendix – Federal Advisory Committee Act; 86 Stat. 770, as amended).