



## *Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe Indians*

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

### **LETTER OF CREDENCE**

Pursuant to Title 4, section 7(1) of Mille Lacs Band Statutes, executive officers of the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe have the duty “[t]o represent the interests of the Executive Branch of Band government before any exterior governmental body as authorized and directed by the Chief Executive. No such representation shall occur by any commissioner unless the said commissioner shall present to the exterior governmental body his or her official letters of credence.”

Pursuant to Title 4, section 4 of Mille Lacs Band Statutes, the “executive officers of the Non-Removable Mille Lacs Bands of Chippewa Indians shall consist of the Chief Executive, Commissioner of Administration, Assistant Commissioner of Administration, Commissioner of Natural Resources, Commissioner of Education, Commissioner of Corporate Affairs, the Commissioner of Human Services, and Commissioner of Community Development.”

Pursuant to Title 4, section 23 of Mille Lacs Band Statutes, “[n]o appointed officers of the Executive Branch shall represent to any other person the interests of the Non-Removable Mille Lacs Bands of Chippewa Indians, unless he shall first exhibit a letter of credence executed by the Chief Executive and witnessed by the Speaker of the Assembly. All said letters of credence shall state the date of expiration.”

By the authority vested in me by the laws of the Non-Removable Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe, Darcie Big Bear was confirmed by the Band Assembly as the Commissioner of Administration, and was sworn in on Monday, October 21, 2024.

I hereby authorize Commissioner Big Bear to represent the interest of the Non-Removable Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe.

This letter of credence will expire upon Commissioner Big Bear not serving as an appointed official for the Non-Removable Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe or on June 30, 2025, whichever is sooner.

Executed by:

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

Virgil Wind, Chief Executive

A handwritten date "5-8-25" in blue ink, written over a horizontal line.

Date



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Witnessed by:

  
Sheldon Boyd, Speaker of the Band Assembly

5-8-2025  
Date

**OFFICIAL SEAL OF THE BAND**

