



Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe Indians

*Executive Branch of Tribal Government
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Via E-mail

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December 16, 2025

Lt. Governor, Peggy Flanagan
Candidate for United States Senate
Peggy Flanagan for Minnesota
PO Bos 26023
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Re: Letter of Endorsement for Lt. Governor Peggy Flanagan for U.S. Senate

Dear Lt. Governor Flanagan:

Since I was sworn in as Chief Executive of the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe on July 9, 2024, I have regularly conducted external relations pursuant to my authority and responsibility under Band law. Of my many required duties as Chief Executive, conducting external relations with other governments and entities on behalf of the Mille Lacs Band remains one of my most important responsibilities. Maintaining and improving external relationships is extremely important and helps protect Band resources, our sovereign authority, our land base, and our citizenry.

In my short time as Chief Executive, I have had the chance to meet a variety of local, state, and federally elected officials. None have had the level of commitment or passion directed toward ensuring the needs of Indian Country are met in the various halls of government as has Lieutenant Governor Peggy Flanagan.

Lieutenant Governor Flanagan has been a tremendous advocate for the 11 federally recognized tribal nations that share geography with the State of Minnesota. It is my understanding that, during her time as an organizer and later as an elected official, Peggy has served Minnesota with distinction and integrity, ensuring that Native Americans across the State and elsewhere are empowered, included, and treated with respect. She has been a tireless advocate for all of us during some of the most important public policy conversations that have occurred at the Capitol and in the Governor's Office.

So it is with great honor that I endorse Peggy Flanagan for U.S. Senate, who, if elected, would become the first Native American woman to serve in the U. S. Senate.

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My recommendation of endorsement of Peggy Flanagan for U.S Senate also acknowledges Lieutenant Governor Peggy Flanagan as the highest ranking Native American Executive Official in the United States and that it is in the Band's best interest to support Flanagan's run for U.S. Senate.

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

Virgil Wind

Chief Executive

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