

## Ordinance 08-02

An ordinance of Appropriation for Mille Lacs Band Elders 65 years of age and over.

The District I, District II and District III Representatives jointly introduce the following **amended** Bill on this 18th day of April 2002.

### Preamble

It is enacted by the Band Assembly of the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe for the purpose of appropriating funds to initiate a Mille Lacs Band Elder Supplemental Income Program.

### Title I

Section 1. The Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe Indians recognizes that its Elders are valued members of the community; therefore, it wishes to initiate a Needs-Based Supplemental Income Program to offer financial assistance to Elderly Band Members.

Section 2. Eligibility shall be restricted to enrolled Band members 65 years of age, as of January 1, 2002, whose income and resources fall beneath minimum levels, as determined under the rules of the Program.

Section 3. The maximum amount to be paid to each individual Elder is \$400.00 per month.

Section 4. The Commissioner of Finance shall set aside the amount of \$16.5 Million in an interest bearing account and Elder payments shall be made from the interest earned.

Section 5. Semi-Annual reports shall be delivered to the Band Assembly and Chief Executive by the Commissioner of Finance showing the account balance and payment amounts made to the individual Elder in each fiscal year.

Section 6. The MLBESIP payments shall cease immediately upon the written request of the individual Elder or upon the death of the Elder. The individual Elder payments shall not be paid to beneficiaries or living spouses, but shall only be payable to the individual Elder.

Section 7. These payments shall be exempt from any administrative, court garnishment, or other legal action.

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Introduced to the Band Assembly on this  
the eighteenth day of April in the year  
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Passed by the Band Assembly on this the  
eighteenth day of April in the year  
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Herb Weyaus  
Herb Weyaus, Speaker of the Assembly

APPROVED:

Date: 4-29-02

Melanie Benjamin  
Melanie Benjamin, Chief Executive

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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FILED:

Date: 5-1-02

Mary A Balber  
Mary A Balber, Solicitor General

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