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Passed by the Band Assembly on this
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Carolyn Beaulieu

Carolyn Beaulieu, Speaker of the Assembly

APPROVED

Date: _____

Melanie Benjamin

Melanie Benjamin, Chief Executive

3/20/2017

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OFFICIAL SEAL OF THE BAND

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MILLE LACS BAND OF OJIBWE

Executive Branch of Tribal Government

March 20, 2017

Speaker Carolyn Beaulieu
Mille Lacs Band Assembly
43408 Oodena Drive
Onamia, Minnesota 56359

Dear Speaker Beaulieu,

I am in receipt of Band Assembly Resolution 17-03-23-17 appropriating \$139,988 for the District II Powwow. Title 3, Section 16 (c) provides that the Chief Executive has five calendar days from the date of receipt to either sign the bill into law or veto it and return it to the Band Assembly with a written veto message containing objections to the bill.

Initially, I made the decision to veto this bill for two reasons. First, the accompanying budget justification was inadequate for the dollar amount being requested. I would have preferred to see more information about how each line item will be allocated. Without more detailed information to justify the amount requested, the appropriation seems excessive. While reasons may exist to justify the request, those reasons were not clearly defined in the submitted budget.

Second, I am concerned that the unspent net revenue account is rapidly being depleted and we have yet to adopt a strategic plan for how we are going to prevent its exhaustion. I have received numerous requests from the Administrative Policy Board to utilize unspent net revenue and have vetoed nearly all of these requests. We need to discuss and agree upon a strategic plan for unspent net revenue because we cannot continue to indefinitely withdraw from this account to support government spending. It is concerning that this account has been significantly depleted in just a few years' time, and we have no way to replenish it at our current spending level.

With that said, I do support the D2 Powwow, and decided to sign this appropriation because it did not seem fair to delay an appropriation to the Committee because of a government spending issue that impacts all of Band government. I do, however, request the courtesy of receiving a more detailed budget justification for accountability purposes.

I also request that we meet together as elected officials in the near future to decide upon a framework for how we will proceed from here on out with protecting the unspent revenue account from depletion, and am not inclined to sign any future appropriation requests supported from this account until we have done so. Respectfully, with these requests, I have signed this appropriation bill.

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Chief Executive
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