



# MILLE LACS BAND OF CHIPPEWA INDIANS

*Executive Branch of Tribal Government*

## Governmental Operations Executive Order 031

**AN EXECUTIVE ORDER ESTABLISHING LETTERS OF CREDENCE AS THE LEGAL AUTHORITY FOR PERSONS SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF THE MILLE LACS BAND OF CHIPPEWA INDIANS.**

- WHEREAS,** the Chief Executive is mandated to conduct domestic and foreign policy on behalf of the Mille Lacs Band of Chippewa Indians and as such is solely authorized to speak on behalf of the Band in his official capacity; and,
- WHEREAS,** the interests of the Mille Lacs Band of Chippewa Indians have been misrepresented and compromised by individuals who purported to speak with legal authorization on matters of domestic and foreign policy; and,
- WHEREAS,** it is imperative toward fulfilling the interests and policies of the Band that individuals who conduct domestic and foreign policy on behalf of the Mille Lacs Band of Chippewa Indians be legally authorized.

**NOW THEREFORE,** pursuant to the authority vested in me by Band Statute 1001-MLC-1, Section 2 and 5, I, Arthur Gahbow, do hereby order the preparation of Letters of Credence documents for all Commissioners, Associate Justices, the Chairperson of the School Board, the Chief Justice, Clerk of Court and the Solicitor General as persons legally authorized to speak in their fields of appointment on behalf of the Mille Lacs Band of Chippewa Indians. Special counsel shall be authorized to speak on behalf of the Mille Lacs Band under terms of their contracts.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED,** that no person with the exception of a popularly elected member of the Band Assembly or the Speaker of the Assembly shall speak or purport to speak on behalf of the Band on any matter of domestic or foreign policy of the Mille Lacs Band without first presenting his/her Letter of Credence to the appropriate representative conducting any meeting or hearing.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED,** that all Letters of Credence be utilized in accordance with regulations promulgated in Executive Order 032 and that any violation of this and any related Executive Order be deemed a violation of the peace and dignity of the Mille Lacs Band of Chippewa Indians.

**IT IS FINALLY ORDERED,** that officials of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe shall have no authority to speak on behalf of the Mille Lacs Band in any capacity.

**DATED** at Vineland, Minnesota this 6th day of March, 1984.

Arthur Gahbow  
Signature of the Chief Executive

**APPROVED & NUMBERED AS TO FORM & EXECUTION**

**EXPIRATION DATE**

Jay Kanassataga  
Signature of the Solicitor General

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