

## EXECUTIVE ORDER 2020-04

### AN EXECUTIVE ORDER DIRECTING THE TRIBAL EMERGENCY RESPONSE COMMITTEE TO SEEK REIMBURSEMENT FROM THE UNITED STATES FOR ALL BAND EXPENDITURES INCURRED DUE TO COVID-19

#### Section 1. Findings

The Chief Executive finds the following:

- (a) on March 16, 2020, to minimize the risk of COVID-19 reaching the Mille Lacs Indian Reservation, the Band government:
  - (1) directed non-critical government employees to work from their homes;
  - (2) suspended Nay-Ah-Shing Schools and Mille Lacs Early Education operations;
  - (3) suspended Grand Casinos Hinckley and Mille Lacs gaming operations;
  - (4) discouraged Band members from traveling; and
  - (5) activated the Band's emergency operations plan.
- (b) The Band has experienced unanticipated responsibilities to maintain public safety, prevention, disinfection, and other disruptions distracting and diminishing the Band's productivity.
- (c) The current Band government did not account for necessary expenditures incurred due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the suspension of gaming operations for the period beginning March 1, 2020 and ending December 31, 2020 in its most recent planning and budgeting process for Fiscal Year 2020.
- (d) Congress has agreed to pass, and President Trump intends to sign into law, legislation providing more than \$2,000,000,000 in economic relief in response to the pandemic's effect on the American economy.
- (e) As part of this legislation, the U.S. Department of the Treasury will make available \$8,000,000,000 in the form of direct payments to tribal governments like the Band for reimbursement of necessary expenditures incurred due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- (f) The Band's budgeted spending authority is contingent on receipt of available funds from federal or state government sources in lieu of previously accounted for revenue to support that spending authority coming from now suspended Band gaming and other enterprise operations.

#### Section 2. Sources of Authority

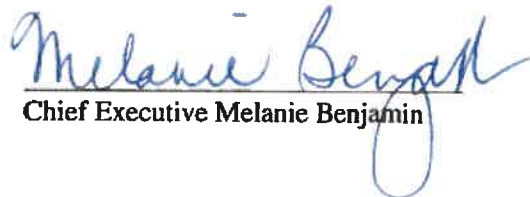
The Chief Executive issues this executive order pursuant to 4 MLBSA § 6(e) and 27 MLBSA § 4.

#### Section 3. Reimbursement of Expenses Incurred

- (a) The Chief Executive directs the Tribal Emergency Response Committee to seek reimbursement from the U.S. Department of the Treasury for all necessary expenditures incurred and to be incurred by the Band for the period beginning March 1, 2020 and ending December 31, 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- (b) The Tribal Emergency Response Committee shall use the funds described under this section only in a manner consistent with subsection (a).

Dated this 25th Day of March, 2020 at 3:00 pm CST.



  
Chief Executive Melanie Benjamin