



THE MILLE LACS BAND OF  
**OJIBWE INDIANS**

*Executive Branch of Tribal Government*

**EXECUTIVE ORDER 135-00**

**AN EXECUTIVE ORDER EXTENDING THE APPOINTMENT OF  
JOSHUA JAY KANASSATEGA AS ACTING SOLICITOR GENERAL**

**WHEREAS,** a vacancy continues to exist in the position of Solicitor General of the Non-Removable Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe Indians; and

**WHEREAS,** Executive Order 130-00 authorizes Joshua Jay Kanassatega to serve as Acting Solicitor General to September 30, 2000, Executive Order 133-00 extended that appointment to November 10 and Executive Order 134-00 extended that appointment to November 17, 2000; and

**WHEREAS,** 4 MLBSA, Section § 6(a) authorizes the Chief Executive to faithfully and impartially execute the laws of the Non-Removable Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe Indians; and

**WHEREAS,** 4 MLBSA, Section § 6(e) authorizes the Chief Executive to issue Executive Orders on any subject matter within the jurisdiction of the executive branch of government; and

**WHEREAS,** the appointment of a Solicitor General and administration of the legal affairs of the Non-Removable Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe Indians is among the authorities delegated to the Chief Executive; and

**WHEREAS,** 4 MLBSA § 17(a) authorizes the Chief Executive to nominate and forward to the Band Assembly for confirmation the name of a competent and duly qualified individual of high honor and integrity to serve as the Solicitor General of the Non-Removable Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe Indians; and

**WHEREAS,** the preliminary legal audit report dated September 27, 2000 recommends that the Band's legal service delivery system should be revised;

**WHEREAS,** discussions that began with the Band Assembly on September 21, 2000 concerning all aspects of implementing a new legal service delivery system for the Non-Removable Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe Indians continue to occur;

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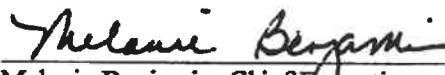
**WHEREAS,** an appointment to fill the vacancy that exists in the position of Solicitor General of the Non-Removable Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe Indians cannot occur without a resolution of all the issues concerning a new legal service delivery system, reorganization of the Department of Justice and the filling of new legal positions with suitable persons of high legal competence and ability; and

**WHEREAS,** Joshua Jay Kanassataga has agreed to continue to serve as Acting Solicitor General beyond November 17, 2000 and to develop a new legal service delivery system and reorganize the Band's Department of Justice during the time that he holds an appointment as Acting Solicitor General.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED,** that the original appointment of Joshua Jay Kanassataga as Acting Solicitor General that expired on September 30, 2000 and was extended to November 17, 2000, be and the same is hereby extended to December 31, 2000.

**IT IS FURTHER AND FINALLY ORDERED,** that Joshua Jay Kanassataga shall not be required to represent the interests of the Non-Removable Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe Indians in any proceeding in any court of law without a contract ratified by the Band Assembly in accordance with 3 MLBSA § 2(f).

Dated this 8<sup>th</sup> day of December 2000, *Nunc pro tunc* November 17, 2000.

  
Melanie Benjamin, Chief Executive

Expiration Date: December 31, 2000

**APPROVED AS TO FORM AND EXECUTION:**

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N/A

Joshua Jay Kanassataga  
Acting Solicitor General

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