



MILLE LACS BAND OF OJIBWE

Executive Branch of Tribal Government

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 170-15

AN EXECUTIVE ORDER REGARDING THE POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OVER THE MILLE LACS BAND OF OJIBWE'S EXTERNAL RELATIONS WITH ALL OTHER GOVERNMENTS AND THEIR POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS

WHEREAS, pursuant to Mille Lacs Band Statute, 4 MLBS § 6(e), the Chief Executive is authorized to issue Executive Orders on any subject matter within the Executive Branch deriving from authority conferred by Band Statute;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Mille Lacs Band Statute, 4 MLBS § 4, the Executive Officers of the Mille Lacs Band include: Commissioner of Administration; Assistant Commissioner of Administration; Commissioner of Natural Resources; Commissioner of Education; Commissioner of Corporate Affairs; Commissioner of Health and Human Services; and Commissioner of Community Development;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Mille Lacs Band Statute, 4 MLBS § 7(k), the Executive Officers of the Band are required to perform any duties as may be lawfully assigned by the Chief Executive; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Mille Lacs Band Statute, 4 MLBS § 6(c), which delineates the "Powers and Duties of the Chief Executive," the Chief Executive has the authority in exercising the executive powers of the government "[t]o conduct external relations with all other governments and their political subdivisions."

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED that "external relations" is defined for the purpose of this order as including, but not limited to: presenting/educating other external governments or political subdivisions about the Band's position on any governmental, political, jurisdictional, or territorial matter of concern to the Band; providing interpretations to other external governments or political subdivisions of the Band's political, jurisdictional, territorial, or other governmental issues or positions; and coordinating and directing all staff and consultants in legislative, political, or other governmental activities involving all external governments and political subdivisions; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED AND CLARIFIED that external relations with all other governments and their political subdivisions are within the specific jurisdiction of the Chief Executive, and the Commissioners of the Executive Branch, who are subordinates of the Chief Executive, shall not conduct external governmental relations without the express permission, knowledge, and supervision of the Chief Executive as articulated in Mille Lacs Band Statute, 4 MLBS § 7(b, m), which cannot exist by virtue of a general Letter of Credence; and,

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BE IT FURTHER AND FINALLY RESOLVED that all external relations that Commissioners have permission to conduct or supervise on behalf of the Band that may relate directly or indirectly to legal, territorial, or jurisdictional questions, issues, or disputes involving Mille Lacs County or any other government or its political subdivisions must be reported to the Chief Executive, and all such matters that pose legal issues must also be directed to the Solicitor General who is solely authorized to provide legal counsel on such issues.

Dated this 13th day of January 2015.



Melanie Benjamin, Chief Executive

Expiration Date: June 1, 2016



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