



THE MILLE LACS BAND OF
OJIBWE INDIANS
Legislative Branch of Tribal Government

LEGISLATIVE ORDER 39-25

A LEGISLATIVE ORDER REPEALING LEGISLATIVE ORDER 005

WHEREAS, pursuant to 3 MLBS § 3(a), the Non-Removable Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe Band Assembly possesses the power to “enact laws which promote the general welfare of the people[;]” and

WHEREAS, pursuant to 3 MLBS § 3(g), the Band Assembly possesses the power to “perform all other legislative functions conferred by the provisions of Article VI of the Constitution of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe[;]” and

WHEREAS, pursuant to 3 MLBS § 30, the Band Assembly “may issue Legislative Orders on any subject matter within the Legislative Branch of government pursuant to authority conferred by this Title and the Constitution of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe[;]” and

WHEREAS, on July 16, 2025, Chief Executive Virgil Wind submitted grant funded appropriations requests directly to the Band Assembly without going through the Administration Policy Board, which lacks a quorum, and without testimony from an executive officer; and

WHEREAS, Legislative Order 005 bars the Band Assembly from considering, “Appropriations Bill[s] unless written and oral testimony is provided by the appropriate Commissioner of the Executive Branch . . . [;]” and

WHEREAS, some of the Chief Executive’s requests appear linked to unfilled commissioner positions, so that Legislative Order 005 precludes Band Assembly action on those appropriations; and

WHEREAS, the Band Assembly wishes to consider requests for the appropriation of grant funds that support important Band programs; and

WHEREAS, the Band Assembly recognizes that Legislative Order 005 is nearly 40 years old and contains a number of antiquated provisions.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED, that the Band Assembly hereby repeals Legislative Order 005.

WE DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing legislative order was duly concurred with and adopted at a regular session of the Band Assembly in Legislative Chambers assembled, a quorum of legislators being present, held on July 23, 2025, at Nayahshing, Minnesota by a vote of 3 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 SILENT.

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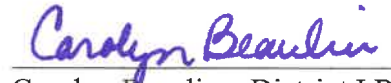
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OFFICIAL SEAL OF THE BAND

