

Legislative Branch of Tribal Government

RESOLUTION 20-04-43-23

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE 2024 MEMBERSHIP INTO THE NATIONAL CONGRESS OF AMERICAN INDIANS

- WHEREAS, the Mille Lacs Band Assembly ("Band Assembly") is the duly elected legislative body of the Non-Removable Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe ("Band"), a federally recognized Indian tribe; and
- WHEREAS, pursuant to 3 MLBS §§ 3(d) and 3(f), the Band Assembly is empowered to "adopt resolutions" and "ratify agreements, contracts, cooperative and reciprocity agreements and memoranda of understanding;" and
- WHEREAS, pursuant to 3 MLBS § 1(m), a "resolution" is defined as "a formal expression of the opinion, will, or intention" of the Band Assembly; and
- WHEREAS, in a letter dated October 26, 2023, the Band's Chief Executive "recommend[ed] and request[ed] that the Band Assembly ratify and renew the Band's agreement to maintain its status as a member of the National Congress of American Indians ("NCAI"); and
- WHEREAS, the Band wishes to remain a member tribe in good standing with NCAI.
- NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that tribal funds in the amount of \$30,000.00 (Thirty thousand dollars and no cents), based on gross gaming revenue, and expended by Government Affairs, is authorized for payment for such membership in NCAI.
- BE IT FURTHER AND FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Band Assembly and Chief Executive do hereby authorize: Melanie Benjamin, Chief Executive; Sheldon Boyd, Secretary-Treasurer; Virgil Wind, District I Representative; Wendy Merrill, District II Representative; and Harry Davis, District III Representative to become members in good standing in order to fulfill their responsibilities as Official Delegates and Alternate Delegates to the Indian Gaming Association.

DELEGATE Melanie Benjamin, Chief Executive Signature.

ALTERNATE: Sheldon Boyd, Secretary-Treasurer

Signature:

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ALTERNATE: Virgil Wind, District TRepresentative Signature:

ALTERNATE: Wendy Merrill, District II Representative
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ALTERNATE: Harry Davis, District III Representative

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WE DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing resolution was duly concurred with and adopted at a special session of the Band Assembly, in Legislative Council assembled, a quorum of legislators being present, held on the 1st day of November, 2023, at Nayahshing, Minnesota, by a vote of <u>3</u> FOR, <u>0</u> AGAINST, <u>0</u> SILENT.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we, the Band Assembly, hereunto cause to have set the signature of the Speaker of the Assembly.

Sheldon Boyd, Speaker of the Assembly

OFFICIAL SEAL OF THE BAND

