



THE MILLE LACS BAND OF  
**OJIBWE INDIANS**

*Legislative Branch of Tribal Government*

**RESOLUTION 20-03-26-23**

**A RESOLUTION RATIFYING A JOINT FUNDING AGREEMENT WITH THE UPPER MIDWEST WATER SCIENCE CENTER, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR TO PROVIDE FUNDING TO MONITOR THE LAKE LEVEL AND DATA TELEMETRY**

- 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, the Band, acting through its Natural Resources Department, seeks to enter into a Joint Funding Agreement (“JFA”) with the United States Department of Interior, acting through its Commissioner of Natural Resources; and
- WHEREAS, the purpose of the JFA is to provide the Band “with lake level monitoring and data telemetry at fifteen (“15”) minute data intervals [;]” and
- WHEREAS, this agreement will be funded through the EPA’s Performance Partnership Grant and the results of all work performed under the agreement will be available for publication by the U.S. Geological Survey; and
- WHEREAS, the United State Geological Survey (“USGS”) is the only entity that has a lake level monitoring gage station on Lake Mille Lacs.
- NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Band Assembly does hereby ratify and lend its support to the proposed Joint Funding Agreement with the Upper Midwest Water Science Center, United States Department of Interior to provide Funding to Monitor the Lake Level and Data Telemetry.
- 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 21<sup>st</sup> day of June, 2023, at Nayahshing, Minnesota, by a vote of 2 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 SILENT.

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

**OFFICIAL SEAL OF THE BAND**



  
Sheldon Boyd, Speaker of Assembly