



THE MILLE LACS BAND OF
OJIBWE INDIANS

Legislative Branch of Tribal Government

RESOLUTION 20-03-27-23

A RESOLUTION RATIFYING A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA TO VOLUNTEER SURVEILLANCE OF AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES USING eDNA

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 Memorandum of Understanding (“MOU”) with the Regents of the University of Minnesota; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the MOU is to “allow the University to process water samples from Mille Lacs Lake[;]” and

WHEREAS, “Mille Lacs recognizes that under University policy the results of the Project must be publishable and agrees that Researchers engaged in Project shall be permitted to present at symposia, national or regional professional meetings and to public in journals, theses or dissertations, or otherwise of their own choosing, methods and results of Project. University shall have the final authority to determine the scope and content of any publication [;]” and

WHEREAS, “[a]ll rights and title to developments under this Project shall belong to the University[;]” and

WHEREAS, the Band’s Office of the Solicitor General has reviewed and sanctioned the substantive legal provisions of the MOU.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Band Assembly does hereby ratify and lend its support to the MOU to surveillance of Aquatic Invasive Species using eDNA.

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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 21st day of June, 2023, at Nayahshing, Minnesota, by a vote of 2 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 SILENT.

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