



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

**RESOLUTION 21-01-03-24**

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE 2024 MEMBERSHIP INTO THE  
INDIAN GAMING ASSOCIATION**

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 January 5, 2024, 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 Indian Gaming Association ("IGA"), formerly known as the National Indian Gaming Association("NIGA"); and

WHEREAS, the Band wishes to remain a member tribe in good standing with IGA.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that tribal funds in the amount of \$25,000.00 (Twenty-five thousand dollars and no cents), based on gross gaming revenue, and expended by Mille Lacs Corporate Ventures, is authorized for payment for such membership in IGA.

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: Melanie Benjamin

ALTERNATE: Sheldon Boyd, Secretary-Treasurer

Signature: Sheldon Boyd

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ALTERNATE: Virgil Wind, District I Representative

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

ALTERNATE: Wendy Merrill, District II Representative

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

ALTERNATE: Harry Davis, District III Representative

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

OFFICIAL TRIBAL ADDRESS: Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe  
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WE DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing resolution was duly concurred with and adopted at a regular session of the Band Assembly, in Legislative Council assembled, a quorum of legislators being present, held on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2024, at Nayahshing, Minnesota, by a vote of 3 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.

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Sheldon Boyd, Speaker of the Assembly

**OFFICIAL SEAL OF THE BAND**



**Sponsor: District II Representative**