



# THE MILLE LACS BAND OF OJIBWE INDIANS

*Legislative Branch of Tribal Government*

**RESOLUTION 21-02-41-24**

**A RESOLUTION RATIFYING THE PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT  
BETWEEN THE MILLE LACS BAND OF OJIBWE AND THE  
MINNESOTA CENTER FOR ENVIRONMENTAL ADVOCACY IN  
CONNECTION WITH A GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE  
ENVIRONMENTAL AND CLIMATE JUSTICE COMMUNITY CHANGE  
GRANT PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, the Mille Lacs Band Assembly ("Band Assembly") is the duly elected legislative body for the Non-Removable Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe ("Band"), a federally recognized Indian Tribe; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to 3 MLBS § 3(d), the Band Assembly has the authority to adopt resolutions; 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, pursuant to 3 MLBS § (f), the Band Assembly has the authority to ratify agreements, contracts, cooperative and reciprocity agreements, and memoranda of understanding; and

WHEREAS, the Band's Department of Natural Resources wishes to apply for a U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Environmental and Climate Justice Community Chance Grant worth \$18 million; and

WHEREAS, to qualify for the grant, the Band must partner with one or more nonprofit organizations; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Natural Resources wishes to partner with the Minnesota Center for Environmental Advocacy ("MCEA"); and

WHEREAS, MCEA uses law and science to protect Minnesota's natural resources and the health of its people and has expertise in advocating for climate change solutions, climate resiliency, and climate mitigation across the state; and

WHEREAS, the Band Assembly has reviewed the proposed partnership agreement between the parties and found it satisfactory and in the best interests of the Band.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Band Assembly hereby ratifies and expresses its support for the partnership agreement between the Band and MCEA in pursuit of the grant.

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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 20<sup>th</sup> day of November, 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.

  
Sheldon Boyd, Speaker of the Assembly

**OFFICIAL SEAL OF THE BAND**



**Sponsor: District I Representative**