



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

RESOLUTION 21-01-10-24

**A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THAT THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE
NOMINATE REVOLVING LOAN FUND COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

- 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, Band member employees need access to financial resources on reasonable terms; and
- WHEREAS, pursuant to 17 MLBS, Chapter 1, the Band government created a Revolving Loan program to meet this need, and the program is currently inactive; and
- WHEREAS, the Band Assembly wishes to reinstitute the program to support and improve the lives of Band member employees and their families; and
- WHEREAS, pursuant to 4 MLBS § 7, the Executive Branch has a duty to “faithfully and impartially execute the laws of the Band;”
- WHEREAS, pursuant to 17 MLBS § 4(c), the Band Assembly shall submit to the Chief Executive the names of at least seven people capable of serving on the Revolving Loan Fund Committee; and
- WHEREAS, pursuant to 17 MLBS § 4(c), the Chief Executive shall nominate six of them to serve on the Revolving Loan Fund Committee; and
- WHEREAS, on November 30, 2023, the Band Assembly submitted a list of eight Loan Committee candidates to the Chief Executive and requested nominees; and
- WHEREAS, on January 4, 2024, the Band Assembly submitted a letter to the Chief Executive asking her to expedite the nominations; and

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WHEREAS, more than three months after the Assembly's first request, the Chief Executive still has not delivered a list of nominees, a violation of Band statute; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Executive's refusal to follow statute is blocking Band employees' access to a critical financial resource for which they may qualify under Band law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Band Assembly of the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe hereby requests that the Chief Executive comply with the law and submit the six nominees to the Assembly for ratification.

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 20th day of March, 2024, 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 the Assembly



Sponsor: District I Representative