



THE MILLE LACS BAND OF  
**OJIBWE INDIANS**

*Legislative Branch of Tribal Government*

**RESOLUTION 21-04-54-25**

**A RESOLUTION RATIFYING INDIAN SELF-DETERMINATION AND  
EDUCATION ASSISTANCE ACT 105(L) LEASES BETWEEN THE BAND  
AND THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

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, pursuant to 4 MLBS § 6(c), the Chief Executive is authorized to “conduct external relations with all other governments and their political subdivisions[;]” and

WHEREAS, pursuant to 4 MLBS § 6(d), the Chief Executive is authorized to “recommend agreements, contracts, cooperative and reciprocity agreements and memoranda of understandings to the Band Assembly for ratification[;]” and

WHEREAS, section 105(l) of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (“ISDEAA”), 25 U.S.C. § 5234(l), requires that, “[u]pon the request of an Indian tribe or tribal organization, the Secretary [of the Interior] shall enter into a lease with the Indian tribe or tribal organization that holds title to, a leasehold interest in, or a trust interest in, a facility used by the Indian tribe or tribal organization for the administration and delivery of services under this chapter[;]” and

WHEREAS, the Band has submitted lease proposals for the following facilities: Aanjibimaadizing Operations and Training Center, Public Works Headquarters and Cold Storage, DNR Headquarters and Warehouse, Housing Warehouse, Nay Ah Shing Lower School, Supportive Housing Community Building, Government Center, Miskwaanakwadookwe Community Center, East Lake Community Center and School, Chiminising Community Center, Lake Lena Community Center and Maintenance Building, Earthworks Building and Storage, Pine Grove Learning Center, and Hinckley Community Center; and

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WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Interior has proposed leases for Fiscal Years 2025-2026 for the above-described facilities and has agreed to pay lease compensation for the facilities in the cumulative amount of more than \$5.9 million; and

WHEREAS, the Band's Chief Executive has submitted leases for each of the above-described facilities to the Band Assembly for ratification.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Band Assembly does hereby ratify the ISDEAA Section 105(l) leases between the Band and the U.S. Department of Interior for each of the above-described facilities.

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 4th day of September, 2025, 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**

