



THE MILLE LACS BAND OF
OJIBWE INDIANS

Legislative Branch of Tribal Government

RESOLUTION 21-04-55-25

**A RESOLUTION RATIFYING THE TRIBAL-STATE CANNABIS
COMPACT BETWEEN THE MILLE LACS BAND OF OJIBWE AND
STATE OF MINNESOTA**

- 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, the Band’s statute establishing the Department of Cannabis Regulation (15 MLBS, Chapter 5) envisages the adoption of a Compact with the State of Minnesota;
- WHEREAS, the Office of the Chief Executive has been engaged in ongoing discussions and negotiations with the State of Minnesota’s Office of Cannabis Management since July of 2024 in order to enter into a Tribal-State Compact for cannabis regulation that is beneficial and agreeable to both parties; and
- WHEREAS, in a letter dated August 21, 2025, the Chief Executive recommended that the Band Assembly ratify a final version of the Tribal-State Cannabis Compact between the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe and State of Minnesota; and
- WHEREAS, the Band Assembly finds that ratification of the Compact is in the best interests of the Band for the purposes of uniform, consistent, and predictable regulation of the Tribal-State cannabis industry, and so that Lake Leaf Cultivation may avail itself of favorable business opportunities outside the Mille Lacs Reservation.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Band Assembly does hereby ratify the Tribal-State Cannabis Compact between the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe and State of Minnesota, as submitted.

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

