



THE MILLE LACS BAND OF  
**OJIBWE INDIANS**

*Legislative Branch of Tribal Government*

**RESOLUTION 21-03-34-25**

**A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE HUD SECTION 184 LEASE 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, tribal land leases are required on all tribal lands of the Band for agricultural purposes, to establish a home-site or a seasonal recreational residence, or for any commercial activity, or to acquire financing for a home; and
- WHEREAS, the HUD Section 184 Loan Program is a federal loan guarantee program that increases access to private capital for Native Americans and federally recognized Indian tribes by providing a 100-percent guarantee on residential loans in the event of default;
- WHEREAS, Woodlands National Bank can facilitate HUD Section 184 Loan Program loans on allotted land and land held by Tribes in fee and in trust; and
- WHEREAS, after pausing the program in recent years, the Mille Lacs Band wishes to again offer HUD Section 184 Loan Program leasing on Tribal Land and requests Band Assembly endorsement before it resumes doing so; and
- WHEREAS, the Band Assembly recognizes the value of the HUD Section 184 Loan Program for residential housing on allotted land and land held by the Band in fee and in trust and wishes to support the program; and

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WHEREAS, the Band Assembly historically approved each HUD Section 184 Loan Program lease, amendment, cancelation, or other change, via separate resolution and wishes to continue the practice.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Band Assembly hereby endorses the Mille Lacs Band's plan to resume leasing under the HUD Section 184 Loan Program; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Department of Natural Resources shall secure Band Assembly approval for each HUD Section 184 Loan Program lease, amendment, cancelation, or other change, via separate resolution before issuing or canceling such leases or making changes to the leases; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Department of Natural Resources shall submit draft resolutions and supporting documentation to the Clerk of the Band Assembly along with a request to add each resolution to a future Band Assembly meeting agenda; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Department of Natural Resources shall secure a District Representative sponsor for each resolution before submitting said resolution to the Clerk of the Band Assembly; and

BE IT FURTHER AND FINALLY RESOLVED, that leases shall be null and void should the lessee abandon or vacate the above-described property for more than thirty (30) consecutive days after the first-year anniversary of the effective date of the lease without the prior approval of the Band Assembly and the land shall revert to the Band.

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 28th day of May, 2025, at Nayahshing, Minnesota, by a vote of \_\_\_ FOR, \_\_\_ AGAINST, \_\_\_ SILENT.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we, the Band Assembly hereunto cause to have set the signature of the Speaker of the Assembly to be affixed to this resolution.

  
Sheldon Boyd, Speaker of the Assembly

**OFFICIAL SEAL OF THE BAND**



**Sponsor: District I Representative**