



THE MILLE LACS BAND OF
OJIBWE INDIANS

Legislative Branch of Tribal Government

RESOLUTION 21-04-72-25

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE BAND'S PARTICIPATION IN A
MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE MILLE LACS
BAND AND THE MITCHELL HAMLIN SCHOOL OF LAW TRIBAL
CODE DRAFTING CLINIC**

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 § 3(f), the Band Assembly has the authority to ratify agreements, contracts, cooperative and reciprocity agreements, and memoranda of understanding; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to 4 MLBS § 3(b), the Executive Branch has the power to "[n]egotiate and execute agreements, contracts, cooperative and reciprocity agreements, memoranda of understanding, on behalf of the Band, subject to ratification by the Band Assembly wherever required by Band statute[;]" and

WHEREAS, the Mitchell Hamline School of Law Tribal Code Drafting Clinic ("TCDC") focuses on providing a hands-on educational opportunity for law students to study Tribal law and, with faculty supervision, provide legal research and drafting assistance for specific statutory development or reform projects that contain intersections with federal and/or state laws affecting Tribal Nations and their citizens; and

WHEREAS, the TCDC wishes to enter into a memorandum of agreement ("MOA") with the Band in which the TCDC, in coordination with the Band via designated liaison, will carry out the program objectives to reflect the Band's unique needs, strengths, and culture; and

WHEREAS, the Band may provide three (3) areas of the law for the participating student(s) to prioritize for research and draft work; and

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WHEREAS, the TCDC faculty and students will abide by all ethical and confidentiality rules applicable to an attorney-client relationship with regard to their work for the Band and will not publish any confidential information about the Band without the Band's permission; and

WHEREAS, the MOA will remain in effect until June 1, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Band Assembly has reviewed the MOA between the parties and found it satisfactory and in the best interests of the Band; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Branch has reviewed the MOA, approves of its execution, and looks forward to the Band's collaboration with the TCDC.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Band hereby designates the Revisor of Statutes, Reen Reinhardt, as liaison to work directly with the student(s) and coordinate all assignments with the faculty supervisor, Angelique EagleWoman.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Band wishes to prioritize the research and development of (1) probate, (2) education, and (3) human resources codes for the student(s) participating in the TCDC.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Band Assembly hereby ratifies and expresses its support for the Band to become party to the MOA.

WE DO HEREBY CERTIFY, that the foregoing resolution was duly concurred with and adopted at a special session of the Band Assembly in Legislative Chambers, a quorum of legislators being present, held on the 3rd day of December, 2025, 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 to be affixed to this resolution.

OFFICIAL SEAL OF THE BAND




Sheldon Boyd, Speaker of the Assembly

Sponsor: District III Representative