



THE MILLE LACS BAND OF
OJIBWE INDIANS

Legislative Branch of Tribal Government

RESOLUTION 21-03-04-25

**A RESOLUTION RATIFYING A JOINT POWERS AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE MILLE LACS BAND OF OJIBWE AND THE STATE OF
MINNESOTA AND THE MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF
CORRECTIONS TO PROVIDE HOMELESS SERVICES TO THOSE IN
THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM**

- 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, Minnesota law permits the state of Minnesota and the Minnesota Department of Corrections to partner with the Band in providing housing support to those in the criminal justice system; and
- WHEREAS, the Minnesota DOJ will contribute \$375,000 toward said housing services if the Band agrees to enter a Joint Powers Agreement (“JPA”) governing the disbursement of those funds; and
- WHEREAS, the JPA stipulates that the funding will be used to provide culturally specific housing and services for those in the criminal justice system including transitional housing, rental assistance, and support for those providing housing for family members involved with the criminal justice system;
- WHEREAS, the JPA states that “[n]othing in this Agreement shall be construed as a waive or limited waiver of either the State or Tribe’s sovereign immunity” and the Band Assembly does **not** authorize a waiver the Band’s tribal sovereign immunity by ratifying the JPA;
- WHEREAS, the Band Assembly has reviewed the proposed agreement between the parties and found it satisfactory and in the best interests of the Band.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Band Assembly hereby ratifies and expresses its support for the JPA between the Band and the state of Minnesota and the Minnesota Department of Corrections to provide said housing services.

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 29th day of January, 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.

OFFICIAL SEAL OF THE BAND



Sheldon Boyd, Speaker of the Assembly

Sponsor: District I Representative