



THE MILLE LACS BAND OF
OJIBWE INDIANS

Legislative Branch of Tribal Government

RESOLUTION 21-04-46-25

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CONTINUANCE OF MILLE LACS CORPORATE VENTURES, NON-GAMING, AND GAMING FISCAL OPERATIONS UNTIL AUGUST 31, 2025

- 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, Ordinances 54-17, 55-17, and 56-17 to fund the operations of Mille Lacs Corporate Ventures (“MLCV”), Non-Gaming, and Gaming respectively for Fiscal Year 2018 expired September 30, 2018; and
- WHEREAS, Band Appropriation Bills 19-04-03-22, 19-04-04-22, and 19-04-05-22 to fund the operations of MLCV, Non-Gaming, and Gaming respectively for Fiscal Year 2022 were vetoed by the former Chief Executive on October 23, 2021; and
- WHEREAS, that without continuing resolutions like this one or a new ordinance, the Band’s Office of Management and Budget lacks authority to distribute funds pursuant Ordinances 54-17, 55-17, and 56-17; and
- WHEREAS, it is the intent and expectation of this and previous Band Assemblies that the terms, conditions, and limitations within Ordinances 54-17, 55-17, and 56-17 carry forward in each successive continuing resolution, just as appropriation levels under the ordinances have carried forward since FY2018; and
- WHEREAS, it is critical that we resume a regular and transparent budgeting process by which the Band Assembly considers MLCV’s proposed budget and appropriates funds accordingly; and
- WHEREAS, Band Assembly agrees to adopt a forty-fifth (46th) continuing resolution for said operations to continue to operate until August 31, 2025, on the grounds that MLCV’s Fiscal Year 2025 budget has not been approved.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Band Assembly of the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe hereby authorizes the continuance of the MLCV, Non-Gaming, and Gaming fiscal operations until August 31, 2025; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the terms, conditions, and limitations from Ordinances 54-17, 55-17, and 56-17 have always and shall be carried forward for the duration of this and successive continuing resolutions unless stated otherwise in future resolutions;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that no appropriation or funds made available or authority granted pursuant to Ordinances 54-17, 55-17, and 56-17, or this continuing resolution, shall be used to initiate or resume any project or activity for which appropriations or other funds, or other authority were not available pursuant to the ordinances; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that no later than August 1, 2025, Corporate Ventures shall submit a budget to the Clerk of the Band Assembly for the 2026 fiscal year. The FY2026 budget shall be in such form and content to provide supporting detail in accord with general custom and usage for similar types of business budgets and shall be specific to allow the Band Assembly to reasonably discern the proposed actions and expenditures of Corporate Ventures; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that it is the responsibility of MLCV to request future resolutions for the continuance of its fiscal operations at least ten (10) days in advance of the Band Assembly meeting prior to the expiration of the existing resolution by notifying the Clerk of Band Assembly; and

BE IT FURTHER AND FINALLY RESOLVED, that a qualified MLCV representative shall attend Band Assembly meetings when a continuing resolution is on the meeting agenda to present the reasons for the resolution to the Band Assembly and to answer questions.

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 30th day of July, 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.

OFFICIAL SEAL OF THE BAND




Sheldon Boyd, Speaker of the Assembly

Sponsor: District II Representative