



THE MILLE LACS BAND OF
OJIBWE INDIANS
Legislative Branch of Tribal Government

RESOLUTION 21-04-03-26

A RESOLUTION ENDORSING MINNESOTA LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR PEGGY FLANAGAN FOR U.S. SENATE

- 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, Chief Executive Virgil Wind endorsed Lieutenant Governor Peggy Flanagan for U.S. Senate, acknowledging Lieutenant Governor Flanagan is the highest ranking Native American constitutional officer in the United States and that it is in the Band’s best interest to support Flanagan’s run for U.S. Senate; and
- WHEREAS, the Chief Executive of the Non-Removable Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe has requested that the Band Assembly endorse Lieutenant Governor Flanagan for U.S. Senate, who, if elected, would become the first Native American woman to serve in the U. S. Senate; and
- WHEREAS, the leadership of the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe fully understands the significance of Indigenous representation at all levels of government, especially in the U.S. Senate, to provide an Indigenous perspective and be steadfast in respecting tribal sovereignty and upholding the federal government’s trust and treaty obligations to Indian Tribes; and
- WHEREAS, the Band Assembly finds that Lieutenant Governor Flanagan has been an effective advocate for tribal rights and issues related to Indian Country, and for the 11 federally recognized tribal nations that share a geography with the state of Minnesota as Lieutenant Governor, and in her previous roles as a member of the Minnesota House of Representatives and the Minneapolis Board of Education; and

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WHEREAS, the Band Assembly finds that Lieutenant Governor Flanagan has the background, knowledge, and lived experience to ably serve Minnesota in the United States Senate.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe Band Assembly does hereby endorse Peggy Flanagan, a candidate for U.S. Senate to represent all citizens of the State of Minnesota.

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 7nd day of January, 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