



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

**RESOLUTION 22-01-04-26**

**A RESOLUTION OPPOSING U.S. IMMIGRATION AND CUSTOMS ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES ON MILLE LACS BAND LANDS AND REQUIRING FEDERAL CONSULTATION**

- 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, the Non-Removable Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe is a sovereign Tribal Nation with inherent and treaty rights of self-governance and a responsibility to safeguard the health, safety, and welfare of its citizens and all who reside or work within its jurisdiction; and
- WHEREAS, under 1 MLBS § 13, the Band Assembly has a statutory duty to “protect the Band’s aboriginal rights and sovereignty;” and
- WHEREAS, the Band Assembly is closely monitoring buildup of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (“ICE”) officers in Minnesota, the aftermath of the shooting death of Renee Good, and reports that four Oglala Sioux Tribe members were detained in Minnesota by ICE; and
- WHEREAS, the increasing presence of ICE officers and aggressive immigration enforcement efforts are a threat to Band members living in the Urban area; and
- WHEREAS, ICE operations on or near tribal lands present significant risks, including public health concerns, strain on emergency services, potential threats to community safety and economic stability, and potential harm to sacred sites; and
- WHEREAS, the Band’s lands include governmental offices, health clinics, educational centers, and cultural sites that serve children, elders, and families, and these spaces must remain secure and free from disruptions that could compromise community well-being; and

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WHEREAS, U.S. Department of Homeland Security (“DHS”) Directive 071-04 (Dec. 15, 2022) states that, the “Department commits to upholding the federal trust responsibility to Tribal Nations and adhering to the various treaties and agreements” made between the governments; and

WHEREAS, DHS Directive Number 071-04 also dictates that “Department further commits regular and meaningful consultation with Tribal Nations . . . regarding its policies, programs, and services that directly or indirectly impact Tribal Nations in an effort to work toward free, prior, and informed consent” on matters that may have tribal implications; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article 30 of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, “[m]ilitary activities shall not take place in the lands or territories of Indigenous peoples, unless justified by a relevant public interest or otherwise freely agreed with or requested by the Indigenous peoples concerns;” and

WHEREAS, under Article 30, governments like the United States government “shall undertake effective consultations with the Indigenous peoples concerned, through appropriate procedures and in particular through their representative institutions, prior to using their lands or territories for military activities.”

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Band Assembly condemns the increased presence of ICE officers in Minnesota and the aggressive immigration enforcement tactics; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Band Assembly stands in unity and solidarity with its Urban Band members; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Band Assembly opposes ICE enforcement activity on lands owned by the Band and its members; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Band Assembly demands early, substantive, and respectful consultation with the DHS before ICE officers enter reservation lands; and

BE IT FURTHER AND FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Band Assembly respectfully requests that the Executive Branch transmit this resolution to DHS, ICE, and relevant federal and state agencies.

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 16<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2026,

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 II Representative**