



THE MILLE LACS BAND OF
OJIBWE INDIANS

Legislative Branch of Tribal Government

RESOLUTION 22-01-09-26

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CONTINUANCE OF MILLE LACS CORPORATE VENTURES' GAMING AND NON-GAMING FISCAL OPERATIONS

WHEREAS, the Mille Lacs Band Assembly (“Band Assembly”) is the duly elected legislative body of the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe (“Band”), a federally recognized Indian Tribe; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to 3 MLBS §§ 3(d) and 3(f), the Band Assembly is empowered to “adopt resolutions” and “ratify agreements, contracts, cooperative and reciprocity agreements and memoranda of understanding;” and

WHEREAS, pursuant to 3 MLBS § 1(m), a “resolution” is defined as “a formal expression of opinion, will, or intention” voted on by the Band Assembly; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to 3 MLBS §§ 3(b) and (d), the Band Assembly has the authority to appropriate all Band revenue, regardless of source, and to adopt resolutions; 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 initially expired on 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, without continuing resolutions like this one, or a new ordinance, the Band’s Office of Management and Budget lacks authority to distribute funds pursuant to Ordinances 54-17, 55-17, and 56-17; and

WHEREAS, The Band Assembly intends and expects that the terms, conditions, and limitations within Ordinances 54-17, 55-17, and 56-17 to carry forward in each successive continuing resolution, just as appropriation levels under the ordinances have carried forward since FY2018; and

WHEREAS, it is critical to resume a regular and transparent budgeting process by which the Band Assembly considers MLCV’s proposed budget and appropriates funds accordingly; and

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WHEREAS, the Band Assembly believes it is in the best interest of the Band to adopt a fifty-third (53rd) continuing resolution for said operations to continue until March 31, 2026, on the grounds that MLCV's Fiscal Year 2026 budget has not been approved.

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, as previously funded, until March 31, 2026; and

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

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 were not available under the ordinances; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Corporate Ventures shall submit to the Clerk of Band Assembly a budget for fiscal year 2027 no later than August 1, 2026; said budget shall be in such form and content to provide supporting detail consistent with generally accepted accounting principles for similar 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 current resolution by notifying the Clerk of Band Assembly; and

BE IT FURTHER AND FINALLY RESOLVED, that an authorized qualified MLCV representative shall attend Band Assembly meetings when a continuing resolution is listed 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 18th day of February, 2026, at Nayahshing, Minnesota, by a vote of 3 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 SILENT.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we, the Band Assembly have hereunto set the signature of the Speaker of the Assembly to this resolution.

OFFICIAL SEAL OF THE BAND




Sheldon Boyd, Speaker of the Assembly

Sponsor: District II Representative