

RESOLUTION NO. 40-84
A RESOLUTION REGARDING RENEWAL OF ATTORNEY CONTRACT
WITH ZIONTZ, PIRTLE, MORISSET, ERNSTOFF & CHESTNUT

WHEREAS, effective April 15, 1984, the Mille Lacs Band of Chippewa Indians (hereinafter referred to as the Band), through the Band Assembly (hereinafter referred to as the Assembly), renews the Attorney Contract with Ziontz, Pirtle, Morisset, Ernstoff & Chestnut, attorneys at law, which special attorney contract expires on April 15, 1984 and which contract upon its renewal shall be a general contract; and

WHEREAS, the governmental officers of the Mille Lacs government continue to have the need for a full scale legal program to achieve separate governmental status for the Mille Lacs Band, to enable the Band to exercise full sovereign authority, to protect its immunity from state laws governing taxation, hunting and fishing, gaming and regulation of activities on reservation and Indian lands and other issues as assigned; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Executive of the Mille Lacs Band of Chippewa Indians and the law firm have reduced their mutual understandings to writing in the form of a Joint Memorandum of Understanding which fully satisfies Mille Lacs Band governmental authorities that the law firm is prepared and able to deliver legal services which will satisfy the long range needs of the Mille Lacs Band; and

WHEREAS, the law firm has now prepared draft legislation for the Band to be introduced in Congress, and this will require continuing legal assistance in support of such legislation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the General Attorney Contract described above is hereby approved.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we the Cabinet, hereunto recommend the signature of the Chief Executive be affixed to this Resolution.

MILLE LACS BAND OF CHIPPEWA INDIANS

By: *Arthur S. Brown*
Chief Executive

WE DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing resolution was ratified and adopted at a (formal) (special) session of the Band Assembly in legislative council assembled, a quorum of legislators being present, held on March 22, 1984, at Vineland, Minnesota, by a vote of 2 FOR, and 1 AGAINST and 0 SILENT. In concurrence with the action of the Chief Executive we, the Band Assembly, hereunto cause to have set the hand of the Speaker to be affixed to this resolution.

By: *Douglas Sam*
Speaker of the Assembly

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