

## MILLE LACS BAND OF CHIPPEWA INDIANS

## Legislative Branch of Tribal Government

## RESOLUTION 03-53-85

A Resolution for the Mille Lacs Band of Chippewa Indians to contract under Public Law 93-638, Litigation Support Funds for the Treaty of 1837.

- WHEREAS: The United States of America negotiated and signed the Treaty of 1837 with the Mille Lacs Band of Chippewa Indians; and,
- WHEREAS: The United States of America agreed by treaty with the Mille Lacs Band of Chippewa that they would retain usufructuary rights within this ceded territory (7 Stat 536); and,
- WHEREAS: The State of Minnesota has place undo restrictions and enforcement on these rights; and,
- WHEREAS: These restrictions have created tremendous hardship on the Mille Lacs Band of Chippewa; and,
- WHEREAS: The State of Minnesota will not negotiate these rights unless so ordered thorough court; and.
- WHEREAS: The Bureau of Indian Affairs has the trust responsibility to insure that Mille Lacs rights and sovereignty is protected; and,
- WHEREAS: The Bureau of Indian Affairs has allocated \$40.000.00 for litigation support of this treaty right.
- NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mille Lacs Band of Chippewa Indians approve and adopt this resolution for contracting said litigation support funds to develope supporting documentation to litigate their usufructuary rights.
- IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we, the Band Assembly hereunto cause to have set the signature of the Speaker of the Assembly to be affixed to this resolution.

Douglas Sam, Speaker of the Assembly

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In concurrence with the action of the Speaker of the Assembly, we, the Administrative Policy Board hereunto cause to have set the hand of the Chief Executive to be affixed to this resolution.

Arthur Gahbow, Chief Executive

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