

MILLE LACS BAND OF CHIPPEWA INDIANS

Legislative Branch of Tribal Government

RESOLUTION 05-09-87

A RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION TO PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE V OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE MINNESOTA CHIPPEWA TRIBE AND TO SUPPORT THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE VI OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE MINNESOTA CHIPPEWA TRIBE ENACTED ON AUGUST 17-18,1976 PERTAINING TO EXECUTIVE, LEGISLATIVE AND JUDICIAL AUTHORITIES OF TRIBAL/BAND GOVERNMENT.

- WHEREAS, the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe will consider a proposed amendment to Article V of the Constitution of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe on October 30, 1986 at Tower Minnesota, with said amendment providing for specific executive, legislative and judicial powers for the Tribal Executive Committee, and;
- WHEREAS, said proposed amendment provides that "all inherent sovereign powers of government shall be vested in the Tribal Executive Committee and the Reservation Business Committees", and;
- WHEREAS, said proposed amendment provides that the amendment shall appear, if accepted by the enrolled members of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe, in Article V of the Constitution of the Tribe, and;
- WHEREAS, the basic principle of democratic government provide that the inherent sovereign powers to govern are reserved powers of the enrolled members who delegate said authorities to their duly elected government, and;
- WHEREAS, the Non-Removable Mille Lacs Band of Chippewa Indians recognizes the critical need to amend the Constitution of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe to provide for specific executive, legislative and judicial powers, obligations and responsibilities necessary for the present and future well-being of the enrolled members of the historical and sovereign Bands of Chippewa Indians who comprise the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe, and;
- WHEREAS, the Tribal Executive Committee of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe has enacted a Resolution on August 17-18, 1976 to provide for amendments to Article VI of the Constitution of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe and said Resolution

remains on the official record of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe awaiting a Secretarial election on the proposal.

- NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Band Assembly (Reservation Business Committee) of the Non-Removable Mille Lacs Band of Chippewa Indians does hereby oppose the proposed constitutional amendment to Article V of the Constitution of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe to be discussed on October 30, 1986 at Tower, Minnesota.
- BE IT FURTHER AND FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Band Assembly (Reservation Business Committee) of the Non-Removable Mille Lacs Band of Chippewa Indians does hereby support the proposed constitutional amendment to Article VI of the Constitution of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe that was enacted on August 17-18, 1976 at Grand Rapids, Minnesota and was never brought before the enrolled members for vote.
- WE DO HEREBY CERTIFY, that the foregoing Resolution was duly considered, concurred with and adopted at a regular session of the Band Assembly, in legislative council assembled, a quorum of legislators being present, held on Wednesday, October 29, 1986 at Vineland, Minnesota by a vote of 2 FOR, 0 AGAINST, and 1 SILENT.
- IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we, the Band Assembly hereunto cause to have set the hand of the Speaker of the Assembly (Secretary Treasurer) to be affixed to this Resolution.

Gluy Claus Henry G. Davis

Speaker of the Assembly

IN CONCURRENCE, with the action of the Band Assembly, I,
Arthur W. Gahbow, Chief Executive (Tibal Chairman)
do hereby set my hand to this Resolution.

Arthur W. Gahbow Chief Executive

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