



*MILLE LACS BAND OF CHIPPEWA INDIANS*  
*Legislative Branch of Tribal Government*

RESOLUTION 02-04-56-88

A RESOLUTION FROM THE MILLE LACS BAND OF CHIPPEWA INDIANS IN SUPPORT OF THE CONTINUATION OF THE MINNESOTA EMPLOYMENT AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM (MEED).

- WHEREAS, the Mille Lacs Band Assembly (Reservation Business Committee) is the duly elected governing body of the Mille Lacs Band of Chippewa Indians and has the power and authority to make recommendations that would improve the economic status of the Mille Lacs Band of Chippewa Indians, and;
- WHEREAS, the Mille Lacs Band Assembly (Reservation Business Committee) realizes the positive impact that the Minnesota Employment and Economic Development Program has had and should continue to have on the Mille Lacs Reservation, and;
- WHEREAS, past job training programs have been utilized to provide the manual labor for public and resource improvement projects that improved the Mille Lacs Reservation but did not substantially improve the marketable job skills of the participant, and;
- WHEREAS, the disadvantaged and unemployed population of the Mille Lacs Band of Chippewa Indians have limited job opportunities on or off the reservation due to lack of marketable job skills and access to the private sector job market, and;
- WHEREAS, 37% of the unemployed people on the Mille Lacs Reservation have not completed high school or attained a high school equivalency, and;
- WHEREAS, existing programs that provide jobs and training for the people of the Mille Lacs Reservation are not funded at levels that would assist in substantially reducing the 37% unemployment rate of the Reservation, and;
- WHEREAS, it is hereby recommended, that funding for the Minnesota Employment and Economic Development Program be increased to enable Service Providers to meet the growing demand for training, marketable job skills and a larger labor pool of American Indian people who are ready and able to enter today's competitive job markets on and off the reservation, and;
- WHEREAS, that a provision be made that would enable former MEED participants who have not been able to obtain or retain suitable, long term employment due to lack of marketable job skills or other substantial barriers be allowed to participate more than once in the MEED program, and;
- WHEREAS, that those participating in the MEED Wage Subsidy Program be allowed to participate in Adult Basic Education or Literacy Programs as part of their 40 hours per week as incentive to attain acceptable educational and literacy levels, and;

WHEREAS, that supportive services be provided for participants to obtain additional training relevant to their job training that would further enhance their employability, and;

WHEREAS, that MEED public positions on the reservation be upgraded from manual labor and menial to positions that would provide on the job training to develop marketable job skills and enable participants to compete for jobs on or off the reservation.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mille Lacs Band Assembly (Reservation Business Committee) approves and supports these recommendations for the Minnesota Employment and Economic Development Program (MEED).

BE IT FURTHER & FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Mille Lacs Band Assembly (Reservation Business Committee) hereby approves and requests the continued funding of the Minnesota Employment and Economic Development Program and supports their efforts to assist in the economic advancement of the Mille Lacs Band of Chippewa Indians.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we, the Administrative Policy Board hereunto recommend the signature of the Chief Executive to be affixed to this resolution and forwarded to the Band Assembly for concurrence.

  
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Arthur Gahbow, Chief Executive

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 21 day of September, 1988 at Vineland, Minnesota by a vote of 3 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 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 of Assembly to this resolution.

  
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Marge Anderson, Speaker of Assembly