



MILLE LACS BAND OF CHIPPEWA INDIANS

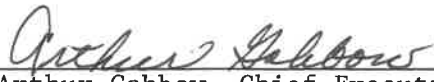
Legislative Branch of Tribal Government

RESOLUTION 03-02-86-89

A RESOLUTION FROM THE MILLE LACS BAND OF CHIPPEWA INDIANS REQUESTING THAT THE MINNESOTA STATE LEGISLATURE RESTORE CRIMINAL JURISDICTION OVER LANDS UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE BAND TO THE UNITED STATES AND THE MILLE LACS BAND.

- WHEREAS, the Mille Lacs Band Assembly (Reservation Business Committee) is the duly recognized governing body of the Mille Lacs Reservation, and;
- WHEREAS, the State of Minnesota was, by the Act of Congress of August 15, 1953, generally known as Public Law 280, given concurrent civil and criminal jurisdiction over all Indians residing in Indian country in the State, except those Indians residing on the Red Lake Reservation, and;
- WHEREAS, an Act of Congress on April 11, 1968 provided for the resumption by the United States of all or any measure of the jurisdiction acquired by the State pursuant to Public Law 280 of 1953, and;
- WHEREAS, the Minnesota State Legislature allowed the Bois Forte Reservation to retrocede Public Law 280 in 1973 as to criminal matters because of a concern for the safety of Band members, and;
- WHEREAS, the Mille Lacs Band has jurisdiction over Band members in its three districts which are located in Mille Lacs, Pine and Aitken counties, and;
- WHEREAS, Mille Lacs Band members in all three districts have voiced concern over the levels of police protection available, and;
- WHEREAS, the Mille Lacs Band Assembly asserts that Band members under Band jurisdiction are the victims of more incidents of drunk driving, sexual abuse, theft, domestic violence and other violent crimes as well as drug and alcohol abuse than other citizens of Mille Lacs, Pine or Aitken counties, and;
- WHEREAS, the reassumption of jurisdiction would necessitate a federally funded criminal justice system and greatly enhance the safety of Band members.
- NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mille Lacs Band Assembly does hereby request that the Minnesota State Legislature enact a law providing for the retrocession of Public Law 280 with regard to criminal matters in Indian country under the jurisdiction of the Mille Lacs Band of Chippewa Indians.


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



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 27th day of September, 1989 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.



Marge Anderson, Speaker of Assembly

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