



MILLE LACS BAND OF CHIPPEWA INDIANS

Legislative Branch of Tribal Government

RESOLUTION 03-01-41-89

A RESOLUTION ENABLING THE SOLICITOR GENERAL TO NEGOTIATE AGREEMENTS WITH CONTEL TELEPHONE COMPANY, NORTHWESTERN BELL AND A.T.T. WHICH WOULD PROVIDE FOR EXEMPTION FROM STATE TAXATION ON THE TELEPHONE BILLS OF INDIVIDUAL BAND MEMBERS UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE MILLE LACS BAND OF CHIPPEWA INDIANS.

WHEREAS, the Mille Lacs Band and its individual members are exempt from the taxes of the State of Minnesota, and;

WHEREAS, Contel of Minnesota, Northwestern Bell and A.T.T. have been adding state sales taxes to the telephone bills of Band members on Band lands, and;

WHEREAS, said state taxes are unlawful, under Bryan v. Itasca, 426 U.S. 373(1976).

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mille Lacs Band Assembly directs the Solicitor General to negotiate agreements with Contel of Minnesota, Northwestern Bell and A.T.T., to refrain from adding state taxes to the telephone bills of Band members on Band lands.

BE IT FURTHER & FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Solicitor General shall also include in said agreements a method by which Mille Lacs Band members can recoup state taxes wrongfully withheld in the years since the Mille Lacs Band began to exercise its taxing authority.

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 6th day of April, 1989 at Vineland, Minnesota by a vote of 2 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 SILENT.

In concurrence with the action of the Chief Executive, we, the Band Assembly hereunto recommend to have set the hand of the Speaker of Assembly to this resolution.

Marge Anderson, Speaker of Assembly

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