



MILLE LACS BAND OF CHIPPEWA INDIANS

Legislative Branch of Tribal Government

RESOLUTION 04-02-87-90

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF A LAWSUIT AGAINST THE STATE OF MINNESOTA AS IT RELATES TO RIGHTS UNDER THE TREATY OF 1837.

WHEREAS, the Mille Lacs Band Assembly (Reservation Business Committee) is the duly recognized governing body of the Mille Lacs Band of Chippewa Indians fully authorized to act on behalf of its members; and,

WHEREAS, the number one priority of the Mille Lacs Band Assembly is to improve the overall quality of life for the people of the Mille Lacs Reservation; and,

WHEREAS, the Mille Lacs Band is the signatory of the Treaty of 1837 retaining the rights to hunt, fish, and gather; and,

WHEREAS, the Mille Lacs Band members need and use this right in the State of Wisconsin; and,

WHEREAS, the Bureau of Indian Affairs has funded the litigation support to secure these rights; and,

WHEREAS, the Band has continually requested support from the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the United States Government to secure these rights; and,

WHEREAS, the Band Assembly passed Band Statute 1056-MLC-19 in 1984 requesting action to be taken to secure these rights; and,

WHEREAS, it took from 1984 to 1989 to get the Department of Interior to act upon our request; and,

WHEREAS, the Department of Justice has had this request from April 7, 1989 to present; and,

WHEREAS, these delays has cost the Mille Lacs Band approximately \$6,000 per day; and,

WHEREAS, this issue must be resolved because of the need of tribal members and tremendous financial burden to the Band.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that authorization is given to the law firm of Ziontz, Chestnut, Varnell, Berley, & Slonim to file suit as soon as possible, but no later than August 15, 1990.

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 31st day of July, 1990 at Vineland, Minnesota by a vote of
3 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 SILENT.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we, the Band Assembly hereunto cause to have set the hand
of the Speaker of Assembly to be affixed to this resolution.



Marge Anderson, Speaker of Assembly

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



Arthur Gahbow, Chief Executive

OFFICIAL SEAL OF THE BAND