



## MILLE LACS BAND OF CHIPPEWA INDIANS

### *Legislative Branch of Tribal Government*

RESOLUTION 04-01-69-90

A RESOLUTION TO ADDRESS ELIGIBILITY TO RECEIVE SERVICES BY BAND ENROLLMENT.

- WHEREAS, the Band Assembly is the duly elected governing body of all enrolled members of the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe, and;
- WHEREAS, the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe is a sovereign government with the authority to regulate the affairs of its members, and;
- WHEREAS, all enrolled members of an Indian Tribe have the status of being "Native Americans" by local and state government and all federal agencies, and;
- WHEREAS, most federal agencies and other organizations which are allocated funding for the benefit of Native Americans receive such funding based strictly on population, statistics derived from the United States Bureau of the Census, and;
- WHEREAS, Indian Tribes most often are allocated funding and/or services based on the enrollment statistics which are in part derived from the United States Bureau of the Census, and;
- WHEREAS, in the State of Minnesota vs. Jourdain, it was recognized by the State of Minnesota that when a Native American elects to not live on their reservation of enrollment, the person does not, in fact, lose their status as a member of the reservation or lose her/his right to receive the benefits afforded a member of the respective Tribe, and;
- WHEREAS, there are no democratic and sovereign governing nations in the global community which deny their citizens services or cease to represent their interests after he/she has left the geographical boundaries of her/his respective country while maintaining citizenship.
- NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that as a democratic and sovereign governing body, the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe must represent the interests of and provide services to all enrolled members of the Mille Lacs Band, thus ensuring the perpetuation of the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe.
- BE IT FURTHER & FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Band Assembly of the Mille Lacs Band does not recognize state geographical boundaries as a determination of eligibility to receive the full benefits afforded an enrolled member of the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe.

WE DO HEREBY CERTIFY, that the foregoing resolution was duly concurred with and adopted at a special session of the Band Assembly in Legislative Council assembled, a quorum of legislators being present held on the 24th day of May, 1990 at Vineland, Minnesota by a vote of 2 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 SILENT.

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

  
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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.

  
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Arthur Gahbow, Chief Executive

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