

## MILLE LACS BAND OF CHIPPEWA INDIANS

## Legislative Branch of Tribal Government

## RESOLUTION 04-02-22-91

A RESOLUTION FOR THE MILLE LACS BAND OF CHIPPEWA INDIANS TO CONTRACT UNDER PUBLIC LAW 93-638, LITIGATION SUPPORT FUNDS FOR THE TREATY OF 1837.

- WHEREAS, the United States of America negotiated and signed the Treaty of 1837 with the Mille Lacs Band of Chippewa Indians' and,
- WHEREAS, the United States of America agreed by treaty with the Mille Lacs Band of Chippewa that they would retain usufructuary rights within this ceded territory (7 Stat 536); and,
- WHEREAS, the State of Minnesota has placed undue restrictions and enforcement on these rights; and,
- WHEREAS, these restrictions have created tremendous hardship on the Mille Lacs Band of Chippewa; and,
- WHEREAS, the Mille Lacs Band of Chippewa does not have the financial resources to undertake the litigation; and,
- WHEREAS, the Band's enterprises generate less than \$50,000 annually, which is allocated to cover the operating costs of the tribal government; and,
- WHEREAS, the Bureau of Indian Affairs has the trust responsibility to insure that Mille Lacs' rights and sovereignty are protected; and,
- WHEREAS, the Mille Lacs Band of Chippewa Indians retains the rights to retrocede to the Bureau of Indian Affairs all or part of this contract; and.
- WHEREAS, the Bureau of Indian Affairs has allocation of funds for litigation support of this treaty.
- NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mille Lacs Band of Chippewa Indians approve and adopt this resolution for contracting said litigation support funds to develop supporting documentation in the litigation of their usufructuary rights.
- 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 29th day of November, 1990 at Vineland, Minnesota by a vote of <u>3 FOR</u>, <u>0 AGAINST</u>, <u>0 SILENT</u>.

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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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