



MILLE LACS BAND OF CHIPPEWA INDIANS
Legislative Branch of Tribal Government

RESOLUTION 04-03-57-91

A RESOLUTION OPPOSING LAND IN THE NISSWA AREA BEING PLACED INTO INDIAN TRUST STATUS FOR PURPOSES OF OPERATING A GAMING ESTABLISHMENT.

- WHEREAS, recent newspaper articles have featured stories of a Casino Development in the Nisswa area to be conducted by an unspecified group of Native Americans; and,
- WHEREAS, the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act of 1988 was intended to assist Native Americans by providing a tool to develop reservation economies; and,
- WHEREAS, the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act of 1988 clearly provides that, among other things, the Secretary of the Interior must, with consultation of nearby Indian Tribes, approve any land acquired after October 17, 1988 being placed into trust status for gaming purposes; and,
- WHEREAS, the misperception that land can easily be brought into trust status and Indian gaming facilities will proliferate across the state, has hindered the development of reservation based gaming facilities; and,
- WHEREAS, the Minnesota Indian Gaming Association has formally opposed any new land being brought into trust status for gaming purposes in order to combat the above mentioned misperception; and,
- WHEREAS, the Mille Lacs Band of Chippewa Indians is, in relation to the proposed Nisswa developed, an affected nearby Indian Tribe who is actively engaged in a gaming enterprise as a means of developing our Reservation economy; and,
- WHEREAS, the Mille Lacs Band of Chippewa Indians supports the efforts of the Minnesota Gaming Association in their position that no new land be brought into trust for gaming purposes in order to combat the misperception about the proliferation of Indian gaming, and as a means of securing that gaming activities will be an effective tool for all Indian Reservations in the State of Minnesota to develop their economies.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mille Lacs Band of Chippewa Indians opposes the proposal to bring land in the Nisswa area into trust status for the purpose of conducting Indian gaming activities on that property.

BE IT FURTHER AND FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Commissioner of Corporate Affairs is hereby empowered and directed to take steps necessary to effectively oppose this land in the Nisswa area being brought into trust status for gaming purposes.

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 19th day of March, 1991, 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

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