

## MILLE LACS BAND OF CHIPPEWA INDIANS

Executive Branch of Tribal Government

## RESOLUTION 05-03-100-93

- WHEREAS, the Mille Lacs Reservation Band Assembly is the duly elected governing body of the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe Indians, a federally recognized Indian tribe, and;
- WHEREAS, without consultation with the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe Indians, Glenn A. Hall, Michael A. Mapes and Fred Tribble, who are not members of any Tribe, have brought lawsuits seeking to overturn certain contracts the Tribe has entered into with equipment suppliers to our gaming facilities on the grounds that these contracts have not been approved by the Bureau of Indian Affairs, and;
- WHEREAS, federal review and approval of all sales contracts with vendors of equipment and supplies for our gaming facilities would be burdensome, time consuming, costly and utterly without benefit to us, and;
- WHEREAS, we believe that neither the Bureau of Indian Affairs nor the National Indian Gaming Commission have any legal authority under 25 U.S.C. 81, the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act (25 U.S.C. 2701 et. seq.) or otherwise, to require federal review and approval of simple sales contracts with vendors of equipment and supplies, and:
- WHEREAS, the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe Indians will make all decisions regarding contracts which they entered into with their suppliers, and;
- WHEREAS, Glenn A. Hall, Michael A. Mapes and Fred Tribble have requested that the Bureau of Indian Affairs release copies of documents and other materials relating to the Tribe and it's gaming contracts under the Freedom of Information Act.
- NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe Indians does hereby authorize the Chair and the Tribal Attorneys to resist attempts by the plaintiffs to obtain otherwise confidential information regarding the Tribe's business affairs, whether from the Bureau of Indian Affairs or from any other sources.
- IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we, the Administrative Policy Board hereunto cause to have set the signature of the Chief Executive to this resolution and forwarded to the Band Assembly for concurrence.

Marge Anderson, Chief Executive

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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 3rd day of March, 1993 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 cause to have set the hand of the Speaker of Assembly, to be affixed to this resolution.

David Matrious, Speaker of Assembly

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