



**MILLE LACS BAND OF CHIPPEWA INDIANS**  
*Legislative Branch of Tribal Government*

**RESOLUTION 05-03-66-93**

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO REQUEST TO THE 1993 LEGISLATURE TO ENACT A LAW PROHIBITING THE USE OF ANISHINABE NAMES, LOGOS AND MASCOTS IN ATHLETICS AND OTHER COMPETITIVE SCHOOL-RELATED ACTIVITIES BY MINNESOTA SCHOOL DISTRICTS.


- WHEREAS, the relationship between the aboriginal people of this country and non-Indian people has been marked by confusion and misunderstanding since the name Indian was bestowed the aboriginal people; and
- WHEREAS, the legacy of this confusion and misunderstanding exists throughout society today, including our educational institutions; and
- WHEREAS, one of the goals of our educational system is to instill understanding, respect and pride among learners of all cultures; and
- WHEREAS, Anishinabe students have a right to experience a positive educational environment which is free of stereotypical treatment and denigration, intentional or unintentional, of Anishinabe cultures and religions; and
- WHEREAS, the prohibition of the use of Anishinabe logos and mascots in athletics or other competitive school-related activities will help to eliminate racist and oppressive behavior toward the Anishinabe; and
- WHEREAS, the State of Minnesota can provide strong leadership in addressing the broader issue of promoting understanding and respect among people of all cultures in our diverse society by enacting a statewide prohibition on the use of Anishinabe logos and mascots for athletic or other competitive school activities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe adopts this resolution on February 2, 1993, in support of the State Board of Education requesting the 1993 Legislature to enact a law that would prohibit the use of Anishinabe names, logos and mascots in athletic or other competitive school-related activities by all Minnesota school districts.

  
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Marge Anderson, 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 2nd day of February, 1993 at Vineland, Minnesota by a vote of 3 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 SILENT.

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

  
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David Matrious, Speaker of Assembly

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