



MILLE LACS BAND OF CHIPPEWA INDIANS
Executive Branch of Tribal Government

RESOLUTION 05-03-101-93

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE NATIVE AMERICAN RELIGIOUS FREEDOM ACT AMENDMENTS.

- WHEREAS, the Mille Lacs Reservation Band Assembly (Reservation Business Committee) is the duly elected governing body of the Mille Lacs Band of Chippewa Indians, and;
- WHEREAS, the cultural and spiritual survival of Native American people is closely tied to the continuation, preservation and wellbeing of our tribal religious traditions, and;
- WHEREAS, the right to worship is a fundamental human right that most Americans take for granted, and;
- WHEREAS, in Lyng v. Northwest Indian Cemetery Protective Association and in Employment Division Department of Human Resources v. Smith, the Supreme Court ruled that the First Amendment does not protect traditional Native American sacred sites from destruction (Lyng), or the peyote religion of the Native American Church (Smith), and;
- WHEREAS, the American Indian Religious Freedom Act has not prevented the Federal government from unnecessarily engaging in activities which impair or disturb Native American religious practices on federal lands.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mille Lacs Band urges Congress to enact legislation that will protect Native American religions and basic freedom, similar to that recently circulated to tribal leaders by Senator Inouye.

BE IT FURTHER & FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Mille Lacs Band petitions Congress to immediately hold hearings on legislative proposals that have been developed to protect Native American religious freedom, with the goal of passing legislation by the end of 1993.

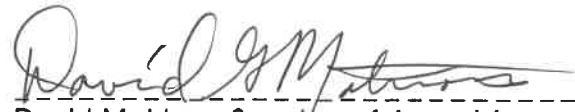
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we, the Administrative Policy Board hereunto cause to have set the signature of the Chief Executive to this resolution and forwarded to the Band Assembly for concurrence.



Marge Anderson, Chief Executive

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 10 day of March, 1993 at Vineland, Minnesota by a vote of 3 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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