



MILLE LACS BAND OF CHIPPEWA INDIANS
Legislative Branch of Tribal Government

RESOLUTION 06-02-134-94

**A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF CERTAIN PROVISIONS CONTAINED IN THE
ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION REAUTHORIZATION ACT
(H.R. 6/ S. 1513)**

- WHEREAS,** the Mille Lacs Reservation Band Assembly is the duly elected governing body of the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe, and;
- WHEREAS,** the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe has prioritized the education of our children as one of the most important goals of our tribal government, and;
- WHEREAS,** the U.S. Congress is now considering final revisions to the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) which will impact the Nay-ah-shing Upper and Lower schools in the critical areas of funding, bilingual education, and facilities, and;
- WHEREAS,** the Band Assembly has been advised that the respective Committees of the U.S. House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate with jurisdiction over education issues will soon be conducting a conference to work out the differences between H.R.6, as passed by the House, and S.1513, as passed by the Senate, and;
- WHEREAS,** the Band Assembly is aware that in some instances, the interests of the education of Indian children at Mille Lacs will be better served by retention of House-passed provisions, but in other instances, retention of some Senate-passed provisions would better serve our children, and;
- WHEREAS,** the Band Assembly has analyzed the provisions of both bills which are of the utmost importance to children on the Mille Lacs Reservation.

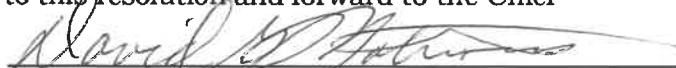
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Band Assembly does hereby urge the leadership of the U.S. House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate, as well as the congressional delegation from the State of Minnesota, to support and advocate for the following:

- (1) Support retention of Senate provision which adds a .25 weight to the ISEF formula, pending appropriations, for Native language instruction.
- (2) Support retention of House provision in Bilingual Education Act authorizing grants for development of Native language instructional materials.
- (3) Support retention of House provision in Bilingual Education Act providing grants to incorporate courses related to teaching linguistically and culturally diverse students into teacher training programs and for training for bilingual education personnel.

- (4) Support retention of Senate provision which provides that Bilingual funds can be used for programs of instruction, teacher training, curriculum development, and evaluation and testing in Native American Languages.
- (5) Support retention of the Senate provision including BIA-funded schools like Mille Lacs Nay-ah-shing Schools "Local Educational Agency: (LEA), and thereby making BIA-funded schools eligible for all federal programs for which LEAs are eligible.
- (6) Support retention of Senate Language providing that a tribe may apply for an Indian Education Act (IEA) formula grant if the Local Educational Agency does not do so.
- (7) Support retention of the Senate provision providing that IEA parent committees shall have no less than three-fourths membership of Indian parents.
- (8) Support retention of Senate provision which make the Technology Education Assistance Act available to BIA-funded schools
- (9) Support Senate provision allowing Facilities Improvement and Repair (FI&R) funds to be used for new construction if one-fourth of the total cost of the project is contributed by the tribal government.
- (10) Support retention of Senate provision amending the Grant law to require the BIA to act within 180 days on school board requests to add facilities funding to the grant. If the BIA does not act within this time frame, the request would be deemed approved.

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 23rd day of August, 1994 at Vineland, Minnesota by a vote of 3 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 SILENT.

IN WITNESS OF, we the Band Assembly hereunto cause to have set the signature of the Speaker of the Assembly to be affixed to this resolution and forward to the Chief Executive for concurrence


David Matrious, Speaker of Assembly

IN CONCURRENCE, with the action of the Speaker of Assembly, we, the Administrative Policy Board hereunto cause the to have set the hand of the Chief Executive to this resolution.


Marge Anderson, Chief Executive