



MILLE LACS BAND OF CHIPPEWA INDIANS
Legislative Branch of Tribal Government

RESOLUTION 05-04-26-94

A RESOLUTION FROM THE MILLE LACS BAND OF CHIPPEWA INDIANS
DECLARING THE MILLE LACS INDIAN RESERVATION AS A NUCLEAR FREE
ZONE.


- WHEREAS, the Mille Lacs Band Assembly (Reservation Business Committee) is the duly elected governing body of the Mille Lacs Band of Chippewa Indians, and;
- WHEREAS, the Mille Lacs Band Assembly of the Mille Lacs Band of Chippewa Indians has adopted several resolutions opposing nuclear storage on or near Indian reservations, and;
- WHEREAS, the people of the Mille Lacs Band of Chippewa Indians find the presence of nuclear materials and nuclear weapons facilities within the Mille Lacs Indian Reservation in conflict with the maintenance of the Tribe's health, environmental quality, economic well-being and general welfare, and;
- WHEREAS, the importation and establishment of a nuclear power plant on or near Indian reservations threatens to bring misery and death and a toxic legacy for the next generation and for many generations to come, and;
- WHEREAS, in many cases, indigenous people have suffered and continue to suffer the most from radiation sickness, immune system difficulties, genetic destruction, cancer and death due to the development and use of nuclear technologies, and;
- WHEREAS, over 4,533 local communities in the United States and worldwide, 25 nations and the regions of the Antarctic, Latin America, and the South Pacific have been declared nuclear free zones, and;
- WHEREAS, in 1992 during the Third Annual Indigenous Environmental Network Conference a resolution was developed and supported by conference participants that called for total opposition to the proposal by the U.S. Government for "monitored retrievable storage" of radioactive waste on Native American lands, and;
- WHEREAS, the Band Assembly of the Mille Lacs Band of Chippewa Indians concludes that it is in the best interest of the people, land and resources of the Mille Lacs Band that the Tribal lands of the Mille Lacs Band of Chippewa Indians be declared a nuclear free zone banning all nuclear activities, including but not limited to uranium mining, uranium milling, fuel wrought assembly, nuclear power plants, nuclear weapons productions plants, nuclear weapons development, deployment and testing, transporting of radioactive materials and nuclear waste storage and disposal, and;
- WHEREAS, the Mille Lacs Band Assembly urges the United States Government to use its vast resources to develop clean, renewable energy resources in order to create jobs that maintain the traditional Native American values of caretaking and balance with natural creation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Band Assembly of the Mille Lacs Band of Chippewa Indians that it hereby declares the Mille Lacs Indian Reservation a nuclear free zone and that all nuclear activities, including but not limited to uranium mining, uranium milling, fuel wrought assembly, nuclear power plants, nuclear weapons development, deployment and testing, transporting of radioactive materials and nuclear waste storage and disposal is hereby prohibited and banned from within the exterior boundaries of the Mille Lacs Reservation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Band Assembly that it urges the United States Government to take immediate efforts to develop clean, renewable energy sources for the creation of jobs that maintain the traditional Native American values of caretaking and balance with natural creation rather than the promotion of nuclear power plants on the Mille Lacs Reservation which will threaten the health and welfare of all living things within the reservation.


WE DO HEREBY CERTIFY, that the foregoing resolution was duly concurred with and adopted at a special session of the Band Assembly in Legislative Council assembled, a quorum of legislators being present held on the 14th day of December, 1993 at Vineland, Minnesota by a vote of 3 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 SILENT.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we, the Band Assembly hereunto cause to have set the signature of the Speaker of Assembly to be affixed to this resolution and forwarded 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 to have set the hand of the Chief Executive to this resolution.



Marge Anderson, Chief Executive

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