



MILLE LACS BAND OF CHIPPEWA INDIANS
Legislative Branch of Tribal Government

RESOLUTION 06-02-124-94

A RESOLUTION OPPOSING U.S. GOVERNMENTS EFFORTS TO TAX INDIAN GAMING REVENUES AS A MEAN OF FUNDING THE GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TRADE AND TARIFFS (GATT) LEGISLATION

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, The Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe Indians is a member in good standing with the National Indian Gaming Association (NIGA), and the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) both organizations of federally-recognized sovereign Indian Nations; and,

WHEREAS, The National Indian Gaming Association(NIGA) is dedicated to the protection of Indian tribes' rights to engage in and to regulate gaming activities on Indian Trust land; and,

WHEREAS, Many tribes have successfully engaged in gaming as a means of generating revenues to fund tribal operations and supplement governmental programs, these funds are vital to the future and the well-being of Indian people, who have long been oppressed since the " Europeanization" of North America; and,

WHEREAS, NIGA has been advised that legislation is pending to reauthorize the General Agreement on Trade and Tariffs (GATT) and that funding for GATT must be made a part of that legislation because of the requirements of the Budget Act; and,

WHEREAS, NIGA has also been advised that Micky Kantor, the U.S. Trade Representative, is discussing with the Office of Management and Budget and the House Committee on Ways and Means the funding of GATT by a tax on gaming revenue, including Indian tribal revenues; and

WHEREAS, Tribes have recently oppose a similar initiative to fund welfare reform and must strongly opposed any further efforts to tax the revenue of Tribal Governments to support international legislation of the U.S. Government.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the U.S. Governments efforts to impose taxation is the most serious attack on the sovereignty and welfare of Indian Nations.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Mille Lacs Reservation Band Assembly does hereby oppose any and all efforts to tax the gaming revenues of Indian Tribes.

BE IT FURTHER AND FINALLY RESOLVED, That the Mille Lacs Reservation Band Assembly does hereby encourage the National Indian Gaming Association and National Congress of American Indians to oppose all efforts to tax Indian gaming revenues by the U.S. Government.

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 19th day of July, 1994 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 forward to the Chief Executive for concurrence.



David G. Matrous, Speaker of Assembly

IN CONCURRENCE, with the action of the Speaker of Assembly, I, the Chief Executive have set my hand to this resolution.



Marge Anderson, Chief Executive

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