



# MILLE LACS BAND OF CHIPPEWA INDIANS

## *Legislative Branch of Tribal Government*

RESOLUTION 05-04-30-94

A RESOLUTION FROM THE MILLE LACS BAND OF CHIPPEWA INDIANS IN SUPPORT OF PERMANENT LEGISLATION FOR THE SELF-GOVERNANCE INITIATIVE.

- 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, American Indian Tribes and Alaska Native Villages have existed as sovereign nations on this continent for thousands of years, and;
- WHEREAS, American Indian Tribes and Alaska Native Villages were involved with Treaties, Executive Orders of Acts of Congress with the United States ceding some jurisdiction and control over land and resources of incalculable value, and;
- WHEREAS, these negotiated agreements included commitments by the United States of protection, services, and development support for the Tribes and Villages, and;
- WHEREAS, the rights of Tribal and Village governments to manage their own distinct, sovereign affairs was impaired by federal laws, rules, regulations, directives and Federally determined priorities, and;
- WHEREAS, American Indian Tribes and Alaska Native Villages never relinquished their rights to independent Self-Government, and;
- WHEREAS, the United States Congress and Presidents over the last several decades have become enlightened through Tribal leadership to express support for "government to government" relationships and the inherent sovereign status of Tribal governments, and;
- WHEREAS, the Self-Governance Demonstration Project, authorizing Tribal control and management of financial resources with minimal Federal intrusion, has been directed by Tribal leadership and receives bipartisan Congressional support to provide meaningful opportunities to exercise Tribal independence, and;
- WHEREAS, On October 20, 1993, Chief Executive, Marge Anderson testified before the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs advocating adamant support for and swift passage of legislation to make Self-Governance permanent, and;
- WHEREAS, S. 1618, the "Tribal Self-Governance Act of 1993" was introduced on November 4, 1993 with Tribal leadership endorsement to make Self-Governance a permanent authorization and passed the Senate on November 24, 1993, and;
- WHEREAS, H.R. 3508 was introduced in the House of Representatives on November 15, 1993 as a companion measure to S. 1618, and;
- WHEREAS, Self-Governance in concept, principle, and action is cornerstone to rebuilding the foundation of sovereign Tribal rights and responsibilities in the American political system, and;

WHEREAS, all American Indian organizations, associations and separate assistance groups depending on Federal assistance recognize the fundamental importance of American Indian Tribes and Alaska Native Villages independent governments to the advancement of Indian Affairs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mille Lacs Band of Chippewa Indians fully supports the concepts and principles of permanent Tribal Self-Governance.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mille Lacs Band of Chippewa Indians commends the Senate for swift passage of S. 1618.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mille Lacs Band of Chippewa Indians supports Congressional passage of H.R. 3508, legislation which would make the Self-Governance Demonstration Project permanent.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mille Lacs Band of Chippewa Indians urges the House of Representatives to co-sponsor H.R. 3508 as an expression of support for Tribal Self-Governance principles.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mille Lacs Band of Chippewa Indians encourages expansion of Self-Governance through careful, deliberate demonstrations to all Federal Departments and Agencies.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mille Lacs Band of Chippewa Indians fully supports American Indian Tribes and Alaska Native Villages to establish independent government operations to protect their respective unique, sovereign status.

BE IT FURTHER & FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Mille Lacs Band of Chippewa Indians urges all Federal Department and Agencies, State and County governments to recognize the independent sovereign status of tribal governments and work cooperative to improve "government-to-government" relationships in all dealings and communications.

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 14<sup>th</sup> 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