



MILLE LACS BAND OF CHIPPEWA INDIANS
Legislative Branch of Tribal Government

RESOLUTION 06-03-63-95

A RESOLUTION OPPOSED TO MINNESOTA HEALTH CARE REFORM.

- WHEREAS, the Mille Lacs Reservation is the duly elected governing body of the legislative body of the Band, a federally recognized Indian Tribe; and,
- WHEREAS, the State of Minnesota, by Legislative authority, is proposing a plan for Health Care Reform that may impede tribal governments in their efforts to effectively provide Health Care Services to their people; and,
- WHEREAS, the State of Minnesota has requested a 1115 waiver to the Health Care Financing Agency (HCFA) without assessing the impact on health services to Indian tribes and Indian health care; and,
- WHEREAS, the State of Minnesota has not invited participation from Indian Tribes by official invitation or appointment to their main stakeholder group, the Minnesota Health Care Commission, (MHCC) on tribes ideas on how Minnesota can improve health care for Indian people; and,
- WHEREAS, members of Indian Tribes are entitled to equal access to the benefits as provided for by Minnesota Statute 254A.035 and Title XIX of the Social Security Act, Medical Assistance Program and therefore governing bodies should be assured of participation in the development and recommendations made by the Minnesota Health Care Commission to the Minnesota Legislature on health care reform proposals.
- NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mille Lacs Reservation Band Assembly is opposed to Minnesota Health Care Reform which threatens our sovereignty, government-to-government relationships and relieves the federal government of its trust responsibility and which may adversely affect the funding, reimbursements, and delivery of health care services, including chemical dependency programs to Indian Tribes and tribal organizations; and,
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mille Lacs Band Assembly opposes any efforts by the State of Minnesota to assume control over our Health Services or our federal dollars for health care and services through the use of variances; and,
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mille Lacs Band Assembly hereby opposes the 1115 Variance that was submitted to the Federal Government on behalf of the State of Minnesota because the tribes were not consulted and were not assured that this Variance does not provide the State of Minnesota with inappropriate jurisdiction and authority over tribal governments; and,
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mille Lacs Band Assembly proposes any mandatory participation by Indian Tribes or tribal organizations be optional in Minnesota Health Care Reform; and,

BE IT FURTHER AND FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Mille Lacs Band Assembly request the State of Minnesota initiate an official consultation by mandate to meet with tribal governments or their official representatives to discuss how Minnesota Health Care Reform will enhance our health services.

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 16th day of February, 1995 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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