

## MILLE LACS BAND OF CHIPPEWA INDIANS

## Executive Branch of Tribal Government

## RESOLUTION 06-03-113-95

A RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT AND JOIN TO OFFICIALLY OBSERVE THE PREVENTION OF ALCOHOL, TOBACCO AND OTHER DRUG RELATED BIRTH DEFECTS.

- WHEREAS, the Mille Lacs Reservation Band Assembly is the duly elected governing body of the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe Indians, and;
- WHEREAS, the number one priority of the Mille Lacs Band is to improve the overall quality of life for the people of the Mille Lacs Reservation; and,
- WHEREAS, the Healthy Birth Outcomes Project of Mille Lacs County has been dedicated to assisting the child bearing population of Mille Lacs County in giving birth to children free of preventable physical and mental handicaps; and,
- WHEREAS, the drinking of alcohol while pregnant can result in permanent mental retardation and birth defects or learning disorders and hyperactivity of the child; and,
- WHEREAS, scientific studies clearly show that smoking tobacco while pregnant greatly increase the risk of stillbirth, miscarriage and delivery of low birth weight infants; and,
- WHEREAS, in addition to alcohol and tobacco, other drugs such as marijuana and cocaine may endanger pregnancy and the health of the newborn; and,
- WHEREAS, the adverse effects of alcohol, drugs and smoking on babies are 100% preventable.
- NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe Indians do hereby join to officially observe the prevention of alcohol, tobacco and other drug related birth defects through the posting of warning signs in public places and encouraging education on these health risks to all youth in school.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we, the Administrative Policy Board hereunto cause to have set the signature of the Chief Executive to be affixed to this resolution and forwarded to the Band Assembly for concurrence.

Marge Anderson, Chief Executive

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 <u>23rd</u>day of June, 1995 at Vineland, Minnesota by a vote of <u>3</u> FOR, <u>0</u> AGAINST, <u>0</u> SILENT.

In concurrence, with the action of the Chief Executive we, the Band Assembly hereunto cause to have set the hand of the Speaker of Assembly to this resolution.

David Matrious, Speaker of Assembly

OFFICIAL SEAL OF THE BAND