

MILLE LACS BAND OF CHIPPEWA INDIANS

Legislative Branch of Tribal Government

RESOLUTION 06-03-67-95

A RESOLUTION TO ENDORSE THE CONTINUING EFFORT OF OJIBWE MEKANA IN ITS WORK TO PRESERVE AND STRENGTHEN TRIBAL LANGUAGE.

- 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 Mille Lacs Reservation Band Assembly recognizes that language is the foundation upon which tribal nations base their very existence and citizens can restore their cultural and political strengths through preservation of its language; and,
- WHEREAS, Ojibwe Mekana, an Ojibwe Language Curriculum Laboratory in Duluth, has under taken a major effort to work with fluent speaking elders, tribal language program staff, and tribal governing bodies throughout the Ojibwe region to develop Ojibwe curriculum and other pedagogic tools for language education; and,
- WHEREAS, it is understood that Ojibwe Mekana consults and provides technical assistance to enhance and encourage tribal language programs utilizing its network of elder speakers and curriculum specialists; and,
- WHEREAS, it is further understood that the technical support services provided by Ojibwe Mekana will not replace tribal language programs but will provide the technical support to make tribal programs focused and cost effective through eliminating redundancy and providing expertise in research, teacher training and curriculum.
- NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe Indians does endorses the continuing effort of Ojibwe Mekana in its work to preserve and strengthen tribal language.
- 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 <u>1th</u> day of March, 1995 at Vineland, Minnesota by a vote of <u>3</u> FOR, <u>0</u>, AGAINST, <u>0</u> SILENT.
- IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we, the Band Assembly hereunto cause to have set the signature of the Speaker of Assembly 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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