



**MILLE LACS BAND OF CHIPPEWA INDIANS**  
*Legislative Branch of Tribal Government*

RESOLUTION 06-04-25-96

**A RESOLUTION OF OPPOSITION TO THE DECISION OF SOUTH DAKOTA V. DEPT. OF THE INTERIOR ("OACOMA" CASE) WHICH CHALLENGES THE AUTHORITY OF THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR TO TAKE LANDS IN TRUST FOR FEDERALLY-RECOGNIZED INDIAN TRIBES.**

- WHEREAS, the Mille Lacs Reservation Band Assembly is the duly elected governing body of the Mille Lacs Band Ojibwe Indians, a federally-recognized Indian Tribe, and;
- WHEREAS, the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe Indians is a member of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe, a federally-recognized organization of 6 constituent Chippewa Tribes whose constitutional mandate is to protect and preserve the well being of its membership as well as to uphold and maintain tribal sovereignty and jurisdiction, and;
- WHEREAS, the federally-recognized Indian Tribes of the United States of America face continuous challenges to their sovereignty and jurisdiction on a daily basis from State governments, trying to undermine treaties as well as federal trust responsibilities to those Indian Tribes; and,
- WHEREAS, the State of South Dakota and the City of Oacoma, South Dakota seeks to challenge the authority of the Secretary of the Interior to take lands into Trust for the federally-recognized Indian tribes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mille Lacs Reservation Band Assembly strongly opposes the State of South Dakota and the City of Oacoma in their challenge to the Secretary of the Interior to have them apply for land to put in Trust for the federally-recognized Indian Tribes and also urges the Secretary of Interior to continue to process Trust applications.

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 16th day of November, 1995 at Carlton, Minnesota by a vote of 2 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

**OFFICIAL SEAL OF THE BAND**