



MILLE LACS BAND OF CHIPPEWA INDIANS
Legislative Branch of Tribal Government

RESOLUTION 07-02-125-96

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE MINNESOTA INDIAN COUNCIL OF ELDERS (MICOE) TO BE IDENTIFIED AS AMERICAN INDIAN ELDERS.

- WHEREAS, the Mille Lacs Reservation Band Assembly is the duly elected governing body of the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe, a Federally-recognized Indian Tribe, and;
- WHEREAS, the number one priority of the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe is to improve the overall quality of life for the people of the Mille Lacs Reservation; and,
- WHEREAS, it has come to the attention of MICOE and the Mille Lacs Reservation Band Assembly that Indian people are being identified and referred to as "persons of color" a newly coined phrase that is not an acceptable identification of our American Indian elders; and,
- WHEREAS, our Indian elders have expressed dislike for the new term "persons of color" and desire to be identified as American Indian elders; and,
- WHEREAS, the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe supports the Minnesota Indian Council of Elders; and,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe does hereby wholeheartedly supports and to encourage agencies, organizations and other parties to use the term **American Indian Elders** for purposes of identification.

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 18th day of July, 1996 at East Lake, 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 recommends to set the hand of the Chief Executive to this resolution.


Marge Anderson, Chief Executive

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