



THE MILLE LACS BAND OF
OJIBWE INDIANS

Executive Branch of Tribal Government

RESOLUTION 07-03-54-97

**A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT TO REQUEST TO CHANGE
THE WORD SQUAW AND OTHER DEMEANING AND OFFENSIVE
WORDS THAT ARE USED AS GEOGRAPHICAL NAMES**

- 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,** American Indian students of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe, in particular those attending the Cass Lake Bena High School have formed a Name-change Committee to bring awareness to derogatory and demeaning names used to describe geographical places in Minnesota and else where; and,
- WHEREAS,** the word "squaw" is a corruption of American Indian words and is used in a derogatory manner by non-Indians, whether intentionally or unintentionally; and,
- WHEREAS,** the American Indian population, particularly the Ojibwe of the Great Lakes Region are offended by the use of the word in public places and literature of the American public; and,
- WHEREAS,** it is commendable to see our American Indian students rise up to confront issues and attempt to educate public officials and the general public about derogatory terms that are demeaning to a American Indians.

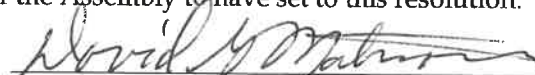
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mille Lacs Reservation Band Assembly does hereby support the Cass Lake-Bena High School Name-Change Committee in their efforts to bring awareness and request for change on all public places and literature where the offensive words are used.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we, the Administration Policy Board hereunto cause to have set the signature of the Chief Executive to be affixed to this resolution and forward 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 regular session of the Band Assembly in Legislative Council assembled, a quorum of legislators being present held on the 28th day of February, 1997 at Vineland, Minnesota by a vote of 3 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 SILENT.

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


David G. Matrious, Speaker of the Assembly

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