



THE MILLE LACS BAND OF
OJIBWE INDIANS

Legislative Branch of Tribal Government
RESOLUTION 07-04-30-98

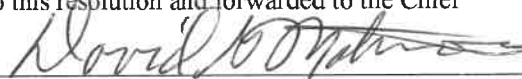
**A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THAT BOTH THE HOUSE AND SENATE
APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEES, COMPLY WITH THE FEDERAL TRUST
RESPONSIBILITY FOR HEALTH AND EDUCATION.**

- WHEREAS, the Mille Lacs Band Assembly is the duly-elected governing body of the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe, a federally-recognized Indian Tribe; and,
- WHEREAS, each year for the past several years, approximately 900 eligible Indian students are denied scholarship monies because of inadequate congressional appropriations; and,
- WHEREAS, there is an obvious and serious lack of Indian Health professionals in all categories available to Indian Tribes in Indian Country; and,
- WHEREAS, there are appalling rates of death from diabetes, heart disease, SIDS, strokes as well as high rates of death caused by alcohol and drug abuse which could be alleviated by adequately trained and increased numbers of American Indian health professionals who are anxious to serve their own people; and,
- WHEREAS, the health care needs of Indian people would be taken care of if the United States Government would honor the 119 treaties between the federal government and the tribes that guarantee education for the Tribes into perpetuity. (Article VI of the United States Constitution...." Treaties are the Supreme Law of the Land".)
- WHEREAS, our tribes are experiencing hundreds of shortages of American Indian physicians, dentist, nurses that are even higher than in previous decades.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe hereby requests that both the House and Senate Appropriations Committees, comply with the federal trust responsibility for health and education and appropriate a set aside in the amount of \$13,000,000.00 for a total of \$41,270,000.00 to fully fund the tribal health care professional needs.

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 17th day of December, 1997 at Vineland, 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 the Assembly

IN CONCURRENCE, with the action of the Band Assembly, I, hereunto set my hand to this resolution.


Marge Anderson, Chief Executive

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