



**THE MILLE LACS BAND OF
OJIBWE INDIANS**

Executive Branch of Tribal Government

RESOLUTION # 08-02-31-99

A RESOLUTION FROM THE MILLE LACS BAND OF OJIBWE AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A TANF PLAN TO THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES FOR FUNDING UNDER THE PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY AND WORK OPPORTUNITY RECONCILIATION ACT OF 1996 (PUBLIC LAW 104-193).

WHEREAS, the Band Assembly is the duly elected governing body of the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe; and

WHEREAS, the Mille Lacs Band recognizes that the problems of generational dependence on public assistance, high unemployment, lack of marketable skills and lack of occupational training have caused serious social, economic and other hardships for residents of the Mille Lacs Band's communities; and

WHEREAS, the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act provides an opportunity for the Band to develop and administer a program that will assist eligible needy families to overcome the barriers caused by those problems; and

WHEREAS, the Mille Lacs Band has demonstrated its commitment to the promotion of self-sufficiency for all its band members and their children by developing a TANF program and committing Band funds to the efforts of tribal welfare reform; and

WHEREAS, the Band currently operates employment and training programs that provide work related activities that reinforce the temporary nature of TANF assistance and promote work first; and

WHEREAS, the Band has developed a three year TANF plan that will be effective January 1, 1999 that fulfills the requirements of the Act as it pertains to tribally operated TANF programs for the eligible tribal households in Aitkin, Benton, Crow Wing, Mille Lacs, Morrison and Pine counties; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Band Assembly recognizes the need for employment, training and assistance activities consistent with the intent of the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 (Public Law 104-193) and any subsequent amendments approved and regulated.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mille Lacs Band's Commissioner of Education or Commissioner of Administration is authorized to sign off on all related contracts and agreements pertinent to TANF on behalf of the Mille Lacs Band.

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BE IT FURTHER & FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe designates the Education Department of the Executive Branch as the unit of Band Government to administer and conduct programming under the TANF Program through its Employment and Training Program.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we, the Administrative Policy Board hereunto cause to have set the signature of the Chief Executive to this resolution and forwarded it to the Band Assembly for concurrence.



Marge Anderson, Chief Executive Officer

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 quorum of legislators being present held on 30th day of December, 1998 at Vineland, Minnesota by a vote of 2 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 this resolution.



Herbert Weyaus, Speaker of the Assembly

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