

THE MILLE LACS BAND OF OJIBWENDIANS

Legislative Branch of Tribal Government

RESOLUTION 08-03-72-99

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THAT THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS REMOVE THE OBLIGATION LIMITATION FOR THE IRR PROGRAM AND RESTORE FUNDING LEVEL TO 100%

- 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, the Mille Lacs Band Assembly has been informed that the recently passed Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21) limits the obligation of Indian Reservation Road (IRR) funds to 89.1%; and
- WHEREAS, the remaining 10.9% of the total IRR appropriation is set aside for U.S.

 Department of Transportation administrative expenses and certain allocated programs, with the balance of the limitation being distributed to the States; and
- WHEREAS, the IRR share of funding under TEA-21 lags far behind States shares and the obligation limitation requirement compounds the discrepancy by adding to State shares and reduces the amount available to Indian Tribes; and
- WHEREAS, the obligation limitation requirement is inconsistent with prior transportation Acts, and seriously impacts the ability of Indian Tribes to provide adequate transportation facilities on Indian Reservations;
- NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mille Lacs Band Assembly hereby demands that the United States Congress remove the obligation limitation for the IRR program and restore the funding level to 100%.
- 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 18thday of June, 1999 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 the Assembly to be affixed to this resolution and forwarded to the Chief Executive for Concurrence.

Herb Weyaus, Speaker of the Assembly

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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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