



**THE MILLE LACS BAND OF
OJIBWE INDIANS**

Legislative Branch of Tribal Government

RESOLUTION 09-02-97-00

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE REQUEST FOR AN APOLOGY
FROM THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA FOR THE SANDY LAKE
TRADEGY.**

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,

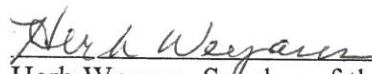
WHEREAS, the Mille Lacs Band is a federally-recognized Indian Tribe that is a signatory or successor to the Treaty of 1837, 7Stat. 536, or the Treaty of 1842, 7 Stat. 591; and,

WHEREAS, the annual annuities required by those treaties were paid at Sandy Lake, Minnesota Territory, in 1850, as part of the United States government's efforts to remove the Wisconsin and Upper Michigan Lake Superior Chippewa Bands to their unceded lands west of the Mississippi River, and this resulted in what is known as the Sandy Lake Tragedy where thousand of Chippewa Indians suffered disease, exposure, starvation, and a long, arduous journey home in harsh winter conditions, with as many as 400 dying.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe supports a request by the Lake Superior Chippewa Bands that were affected by the Sandy Lake Tragedy for an apology from the United States of America for the actions of the federal official that precipitated the Tragedy and authorizes its Chair to the President of the United States of America.

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 13th of October, 2000 in Hinckley, 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 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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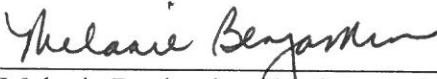
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IN CONCURRENCE, with the action of the Speaker of the Assembly, I, set my hand to this resolution.



Melanie Benjamin, Chief Executive

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