



THE MILLE LACS BAND OF
OJIBWE INDIANS

Legislative Branch of Tribal Government

RESOLUTION 09-01-64-00

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF ESTABLISHING A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE MILLE LACS BAND OF OJIBWE WITH THE MINNESOTA AGENCY, BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR, ESTABLISHING FEE-TO-TRUST POSITION (S) SUPPORTED BY PARTICIPATING MINNESOTA CHIPPEWA BANDS

WHEREAS, the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe Band Assembly is the duly elected governing body of the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe, a federally recognized Indian Tribe; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Executive Committee of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe, and the Band Assembly of the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe have consistently recognized that the greatest single obstacle to the full function and exercise of tribal sovereignty is the continuing inability of the Bands to put land into trust; and,

WHEREAS, a continuing source of this difficulty is the under-financing and staffing of Realty operations, specifically concerning fee to trust applications, at the Minnesota Agency, Bureau of Indian Affairs, U.S. Department of the Interior; and,

WHEREAS, the agency has a responsibility to the Bands of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe to assist in the fee to trust process, as delineated in 25 CFR 151, including performance of inherently federal functions that can not be transferred to the Bands under P.L. 93-638 Titles I and IV; and,

WHEREAS, the Bands of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe have concluded that in order to resolve the backlog of fee-to-trust applications, pro-active steps must be taken on a government-to-government basis; and,

WHEREAS, separate similar Memoranda of Agreement between each of the participating Band of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe and the Minnesota Agency is an appropriate way to accomplish the task of expediting the processing of fee-to-trust applications; and,

WHEREAS, the MOA shall establish the terms and conditions under which the Minnesota Agency, in cooperation with each of the participating Bands of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe, will employ persons to carry out the efficient and expedited processing of Band applications for fee-to-trust acquisitions by the United States.

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NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Band Assembly authorizes a Memorandum of Agreement between the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe, and the Minnesota Agency, Bureau of Indian Affairs, United States Department of Interior, that will employ persons to carry out the efficient and expedited processing of Band applications for fee-to-trust acquisitions by the United States.

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 26th day of September 2000, at Vineland, 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

IN CONCURRENCE, with the action of the Speaker of the Assembly, I, the Chief Executive hereunto cause to set my hand to this resolution.



Melanie Benjamin, Chief Executive

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