



**THE MILLE LACS BAND OF  
OJIBWE INDIANS**

*Legislative Branch of Tribal Government*

**JOINT-RESOLUTION 10-01-43-02**

**A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING MEMBERSHIP OF THE CHILD  
NAMED "P. L. F." FOR PURPOSES OF IMPLEMENTING THE INDIAN  
CHILD WELFARE ACT**

- 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, since the earliest days of our existence, and well prior to the time of federal recognition, the Mille Lacs Band determined its own membership; and
- WHEREAS, as an attribute of its inherent sovereign authority the Mille Lacs Band continues to regulate its internal and social relationships, including determining which persons are considered members of the Mille Lacs Band; and
- WHEREAS, the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe is a signatory to the Tribal/State Agreement with the State of Minnesota, an Agreement which contains the policies and procedures governing the relationship between the Tribes and the State of Minnesota, and that such Agreement states, "a decision by the Indian Child's Tribe that states the child is a member of said Tribe is conclusive"; and
- WHEREAS, the Mille Lacs Band Assembly has previously issued Resolution 09-01-29-00, which resolved that all children with one or more ancestors enrolled or eligible for enrollment on the Mille Lacs Reservation, would henceforth, for the purposes of the Indian Child Welfare Act, be considered members of the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe; and
- WHEREAS, the Mille Lacs Band Assembly has determined that the child known as "P. L. F.," the subject of Pine County District Court Case # 58-J9-02-050002, has one or more ancestors enrolled or eligible for enrollment on the Mille Lacs Reservation.
- NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mille Lacs Band Assembly hereby finds that the child known as "P. L. F." meets these criteria for membership and therefore, she shall henceforth be considered a member of the Mille Lacs Band for the purposes of Resolution 09-01-29-00; and

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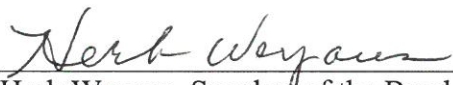
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that pursuant to Mille Lacs Band Statute Annotated, Title 4, § 18, the Band Assembly does hereby authorize the Solicitor General to represent the interests of the Non-Removable Mille Lacs Bands of Chippewa Indians in all legal proceedings in the Court of Central Jurisdiction and all other exterior courts of competent jurisdiction, including representation of the Band's membership determinations regarding children eligible for ICWA protections.

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 March, 2002 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.

  
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Herb Weyaus, Speaker of the Band Assembly

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

  
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Melanie Benjamin, Chief Executive

**OFFICIAL SEAL OF THE BAND**