



# THE MILLE LACS BAND OF OJIBWE INDIANS

*Legislative Branch of Tribal Government*

## JOINT RESOLUTION 10-04-10-04

### A RESOLUTION APPROVING MEMBERSHIP INTO THE NATIONAL CONGRESS OF AMERICAN INDIANS (NCAI)

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 of Ojibwe wishes to become a Member Tribe in good standing of the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI); and,

WHEREAS, the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe meets all requirements for Tribal Membership pursuant to Article II, Section 1(b) of the Constitution of the National Congress of American Indians.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mille Lacs Reservation Band Assembly hereby authorizes Melanie Benjamin, who is the principal official of the Tribe, to take the necessary action to place the Tribe in membership in NCAI; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that tribal funds in the amount of **\$5,000.00** based on the Tribal Membership dues schedule of the NCAI by-laws, Article III, Section 1(b), are authorized to be paid for such Tribal Membership in NCAI; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that, based on membership of 3,606 persons, as verified by the records of the Mille Lacs Tribal Enrollments Office, the Tribe shall have 130 votes in accordance with Article IV, Section 3 of the NCAI Constitution; and,

BE IT FURTHER AND FINALLY RESOLVED, that pursuant to Article V, Section 2, of the NCAI Constitution the Tribe designates the following named persons as Delegate and Alternate Delegates, and instructs them to become individual Members in good Standing in NCAI in order to fulfill their responsibilities as Official delegates to the National Congress of American Indians.

**Delegate:** Melanie Benjamin  
**Title:** Chief Executive

Signature: Melanie Benjamin

**Alternate:** Herb Weyaus  
**Title:** Secretary / Treasurer

Signature: Herb Weyaus

**Alternate:** Sandra Blake  
**Title:** District I Representative

Signature: *Sandra Blake*

**Alternate:** Marvin R. Bruneau  
**Title:** District II Representative

Signature: *M. R. Bruneau*

**Alternate:** Harry Davis  
**Title:** District III Representative

Signature: *Harry Davis*

OFFICIAL TRIBAL ADDRESS: Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe  
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WE DO HEREBY CERTIFY, that the foregoing resolution was duly concurred with and adopted at special session of the Band Assembly in Legislative Council assembled, a quorum of legislators being present held on the 12th day of November, 2003 at Onamia, 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*  
Herb Weyaus, Speaker of the Assembly

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

*Melanie Benjamin*  
Melanie Benjamin, Chief Executive

**OFFICIAL SEAL OF THE BAND**