



# THE MILLE LACS BAND OF OJIBWE INDIANS

## *Legislative Branch of Tribal Government*

### JOINT RESOLUTION 10-04-13-04

#### **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MILLE LACS BAND OF OJIBWE WORKFORCE PROGRAM URBAN INITIATIVE**

- 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 established as a priority the improvement of the social and economic conditions and quality of life for the people of the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe; and
- WHEREAS, the Mille Lacs Band Assembly has a goal to pursue and promote greater personal responsibility and self-sufficiency through the continued education and training of all Band member families and their children, and
- WHEREAS, the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe has successfully operated a Tribal TANF (Temporary Assistance to Needy Families) program since 1999 authorized by Section 412 of the Social Security Act, as amended by the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 (Public Law 104-193) and pursuant to its government-to-government agreement with the United States Department of Health and Human Services; and
- WHEREAS, the current service area for the Mille Lacs Band Tribal TANF program are the counties of Aitkin, Benton, Crow Wing, Mille Lacs, Morrison, and Pine in their entirety, on and off the reservation; and
- WHEREAS, the Mille Lacs Band has demonstrated its commitment to the promotion of personal responsibility and self-sufficiency through the development of Tribal TANF programming that directly achieves the goal of transitioning eligible Band members from welfare to work; and
- WHEREAS, the Mille Lacs Band believes the success of the reservation-based TANF program has created a model of culturally-focused programming that can be adjusted to meet the unique needs of the urban Mille Lacs Band and Minnesota Chippewa Tribe population that is currently unable to access reservation-based services; and
- WHEREAS, the intent, purpose, and goal of the Mille Lacs Band Workforce Program Urban Initiative is to administer culturally-focused programming that minimizes the existing challenges of program access by providing

workforce programs that foster and promote the personal responsibility and self-sufficiency of the Mille Lacs Band and Minnesota Chippewa Tribe urban population residing in Hennepin, Anoka, and Ramsey Counties.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe recognizes the need for education, training, and assistance activities for Mille Lacs Band members and Minnesota Chippewa Tribe members residing in the Minneapolis/St. Paul urban areas of Hennepin, Anoka, and Ramsey Counties.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe Commissioner of Education is authorized to expand the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe Tribal TANF program to the Minneapolis/St. Paul urban areas of Hennepin, Anoka, and Ramsey Counties to provide workforce program services to Mille Lacs Band members and Minnesota Chippewa Tribe members.

BE IT FURTHER AND FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe designates the Education Department of the Executive Branch as the unit of Mille Lacs Band Government to administer and conduct programming through the Workforce Center Department.

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 15th day of January 2004 at Onamia, 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

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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