



THE MILLE LACS BAND OF OJIBWE INDIANS

Legislative Branch of Tribal Government

JOINT RESOLUTION 10-04-14-04

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXPANSION OF THE MILLE LACS BAND OF OJIBWE WELFARE ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS.

- 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 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 eligible members enrolled in a federally-recognized tribe; and
- WHEREAS, the Mille Lacs Band has successfully operated Welfare Assistance Programs since October 1, 2001, authorized by 25 CFR part 20 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 Welfare Assistance programs are Aitkin, Benton, Crow Wing, Mille Lacs, Morrison, and Pine Counties 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 Welfare Assistance programming that directly achieves the goal of transitioning eligible members of any federally-recognized tribe from welfare to work; and
- WHEREAS, the Mille Lacs Band believes the success of the reservation-based Welfare Assistance Program has created a model of culturally-focused programming that can be adjusted to meet the unique needs of all eligible members of a federally-recognized tribe that are unable to access reservation-based services; and
- WHEREAS, the intent, purpose, and goal of the urban expansion of the Mille Lacs Band Welfare Assistance Programs is to administer culturally-focused programming that minimizes the existing challenges of program access by

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providing workforce programs that foster and promote the personal responsibility and self-sufficiency of the all eligible members of a federally-recognized tribe residing in Hennepin, Anoka, and Ramsey Counties that currently are not available.

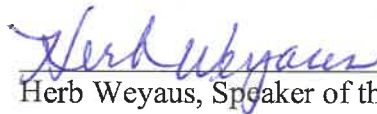
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe recognizes the need for United States Bureau of Indian Affairs Welfare Assistance programs to serve all eligible members of a federally-recognized tribe residing in the Minneapolis/St. Paul urban areas of Hennepin, Anoka, and Ramsey Counties.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe Commissioner of Education is authorized to expand the recognized Bureau of Indian Affairs Service Area for the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe Welfare Assistance program to the Minneapolis/St. Paul urban areas of Hennepin, Anoka, and Ramsey Counties to provide workforce program services to all eligible members of a federally-recognized tribe.

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.

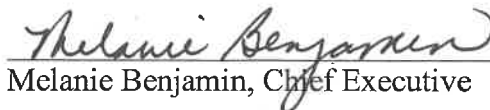
WE DO HEREBY CERTIFY, that the foregoing resolution was duly concurred with and adopted at a special session of the Band Assembly in Legislative Council assembled, a quorum of legislators being present held on the 15th day of January 2004 at Onamia, Minnesota, by a vote of 2 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 SILENT.

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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