



# THE MILLE LACS BAND OF OJIBWE INDIANS

*Legislative Branch of Tribal Government*

## JOINT RESOLUTION 12-03-70-07

**A JOINT RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CREATION OF A REPORT OF AGGREGATE DATA COLLECTED BY THE CORPORATION FOR SUPPORTIVE HOUSING, THE MINNESOTA COALITION FOR THE HOMELESS, WILDER RESEARCH AND THE MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES REGARDING HOMELESSNESS ON THE RED LAKE, WHITE EARTH, LEECH LAKE, MILLE LACS, BOIS FORTE AND FOND DU LAC RESERVATIONS.**

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 acting pursuant to 3 MLBSA section 2 has the authority to enact laws which promote the general welfare of the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Executive is empowered to exercise the Executive Branch powers of the Band; and

WHEREAS, the Band Assembly and Chief Executive acknowledge that a group from Red Lake, White Earth, Leech Lake, Mille Lacs, Bois Forte, Fond Du Lac, the corporation for Supportive Housing, the Minnesota Coalition for the Homeless, Wilder Research and the Minnesota Department of Human Services met in 2006 to discuss the feasibility of a survey to better understand homelessness on Minnesota's Indian Reservations; and

WHEREAS, this reservation survey is a companion to the triennial statewide homeless survey that Wilder Research has conducted since 1991; and

WHEREAS, the reservations of Red Lake, White Earth, Leech Lake, Mille Lacs, Bois Forte and Fond Du Lac agree to participate; and

WHEREAS, as part of the original participation agreement, each band has ownership of the information collected on their reservation; and

WHEREAS, the Corporation of Supportive Housing, the Minnesota Coalition for the Homeless, Wilder Research and the Minnesota Department of Human Services are seeking permission from each participating tribal government to allow their band's data to be pooled with that of the other bands that participated in the survey for the purpose of creating an overall report; and

WHEREAS, a draft of this report will be prepared by Wilder Research for review by each tribal government; and

WHEREAS, each tribal government will decide if and in what format the aggregate report can be shared with the other agencies or individuals, including funders, legislators and state agencies.


NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Wilder Research shall be allowed to combine the data collected on the Mille Lacs Reservation for the homelessness study with the data collected on the other participating reservations in order to create a report of aggregate data; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this report will only be available to each participating tribal government until further decision are made by the tribal governments; and


BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this aggregate report will not allow anyone to identify data from a specific reservation of a specific person.

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 26<sup>th</sup> of July, 2007 at Hinckley, 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.

  
Herb Weyaus, Speaker of the Assembly

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

  
Melanie Benjamin, Chief Executive

**OFFICIAL SEAL OF THE BAND**