



# THE MILLE LACS BAND OF OJIBWE INDIANS

*Legislative Branch of Tribal Government*

## JOINT RESOLUTION 12-03-47-07

### **A JOINT RESOLUTION URGES THE MEMBERS OF CONGRESS FROM MINNESOTA AND THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO RESTORE FUNDING FOR THE DHHS CENTERS OF EXCELLENCE AND THE HEALTH CAREERS OPPORTUNITY PROGRAMS.**

WHEREAS, the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe 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 Band Assembly is authorized to undertake activities that will provide for the health, education, and welfare of tribal members, and

WHEREAS, medicine is identified as a critical profession that needs Indian practitioners to provide health care at clinics and hospitals serving Indians, and

WHEREAS, the Center of American Indian and Minority Health in the Medical School at the University of Minnesota has served Indian students interested in health professions since 1973, and

WHEREAS, the University of Minnesota was among the Native American Centers of Excellence first funded in 1991 by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) and its Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), and

WHEREAS, the U of M Medical School and Center of American Indian and Minority Health has successfully recruited, retained, and graduated 123 American Indian physicians, and

WHEREAS, the FY 2006 appropriations bill for DHHS substantially reduced funding that previously supported the Center of American Indian and Minority Health and the Administration has proposed elimination of the remaining funding in FY 2007, and

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WHEREAS, the funding cuts will mean that a program vital to the future of American Indian health care may no longer exist, and

WHEREAS, the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe finds that closing a door to health career opportunities for tribal members and other American Indians is inconsistent with federal treaty obligations to the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe and other tribes.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe hereby urges the Members of Congress from Minnesota and the United States Congress to restore funding for the DHHS Center of American Indian and Minority Health, and

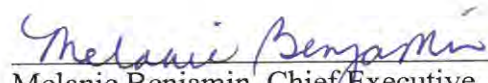
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe urges the other federally-recognized tribes in Minnesota and elsewhere to join in support of this Resolution and NCAI Resolution SAC-06-009.

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 6th of March, 2007 at Hinckley, 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.

  
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Herb Weyaus, Speaker of the Assembly

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

  
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Melanie Benjamin, Chief Executive

**OFFICIAL SEAL OF THE BAND**