



# THE MILLE LACS BAND OF OJIBWE INDIANS

*Legislative Branch of Tribal Government*

## JOINT RESOLUTION 12-04-107-07

### **A JOINT RESOLUTION FORMALIZING THE POSITION OF THE MILLE LACS BAND OF CHIPPEWA INDIANS REGARDING MINNESOTA CHIPPEWA TRIBE (MCT) ENROLLMENT CRITERIA**

- WHEREAS, the Mille Lacs Band Assembly is the duly-elected governing body of the Mille Lacs Band of Chippewa Indians; and
- WHEREAS, the Mille Lacs Band of Chippewa Indians is one (1) of the six (6) Chippewa Bands forming the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe ("MCT"); and
- WHEREAS, the Chief Executive of the Band is empowered to exercise the Executive Branch powers of the Band; and
- WHEREAS, Article III of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe Revised Constitution and Bylaws empower the Tribal Executive Committee ("TEC") as the governing body of the MCT; and
- WHEREAS, the Secretary-Treasurer and the Chief Executive are voting members of the TEC; and
- WHEREAS, the Band Assembly and Chief Executive acknowledge that discussions have taken place at the TEC level regarding MCT enrollment criteria and options amending the same; and
- WHEREAS, the Band Assembly and Chief Executive believe that it is in the Band's best interest to continue to upgrade the Band's enrollment records to address mistakes in individual family trees as to blood quantum and acknowledges that the Band continues to do so; and
- WHEREAS, the Band Assembly and Chief Executive further acknowledge that any change to the MCT enrollment criteria causing a dramatic increase to the Band's enrollment would unfavorably impact the Band Members of the Mille Lacs Band of Chippewa Indians; and
- WHEREAS, the Band Assembly and Chief Executive believe that each MCT Band should be free to determine its own criteria for membership as only each individual Band understands the needs and expectations of its people; and

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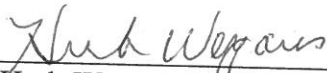
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WHEREAS, the Band Assembly and Chief Executive believe that it would be in the best interest of the Mille Lacs Band of Chippewa Indians to have each individual Band determine its own enrollment criteria.

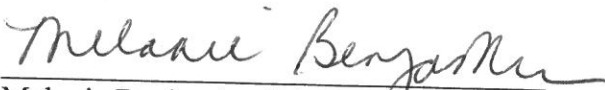
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Band Assembly and Chief Executive support the determination that each Band be free to determine its own enrollment criteria.

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 13<sup>th</sup> day of September, 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.

  
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Herb Weyaus, Speaker of the Assembly

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

  
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Melanie Benjamin, Chief Executive

**OFFICIAL SEAL OF THE BAND**