



THE MILLE LACS BAND OF OJIBWE INDIANS

Legislative Branch of Tribal Government

JOINT RESOLUTION 12-03-73-07

A JOINT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF THE GRANT APPLICATION TO THE ADMINISTRATION ON AGING, DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES.

- 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, Long-term care, a category that includes health promotion, home health services, personal care, housekeeping assistance, home delivered meals, skilled nursing care, assisted living and other in-home services, is an emerging unmet need in Indian Country; and
- WHEREAS, Three National Resource Centers (North Dakota, Alaska and Hawaii) have been awarded grants through the Administration on Aging, Department of Health and Human Services, to collaborate and provide technical assistance on the health and social needs of American Indian, Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian elderly and assist these groups in conducting a needs assessment which is a requirement for their AoA grant; and
- WHEREAS, the needs assessment is designed to yield information on the following Native elder health care needs:
- General Health Status
 - Activities of Daily Living
 - Visual, Hearing and Dental
 - Tobacco and Alcohol Use
 - Nutrition, Exercise and Excess Weight
 - Social Support, Housing and Work
- WHEREAS, in addition to providing technical assistance, the three National Resource Centers on Native Aging are required, by the Older Americans Act, to perform research and disseminate the results of the research; and
- WHEREAS, the three National Resource Centers on Native Aging are asking Tribes throughout the nation to volunteer to participate in a partnership arrangement, to identify the needs of American Indian, Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian elders nationwide, in which the resource centers and the Tribe/consortium will each assume responsibilities:

What the Resource Center will provide:

- Needs assessment instruments
- Assistive in sampling
- Training of interviewers
- Consultant with interviewers via email or telephone
- Data entry and analysis
- Data storage
- Production of tabled and comparison with national statistics

What each Tribe/consortium will provide:

- A Tribal Resolution documenting participation in the Native Elder social and health needs assessment as applicable
- A list of elders to interview
- Interviewers or volunteers to conduct the survey
- Interpretation of the results with local input
- Development of recommendation for actions
- Dissemination of the results to tribal leaders and health officials

WHEREAS, summary information from your needs assessment, along with national comparison report from all the needs assessments, will be returned to the governing council and to the local contact person; and

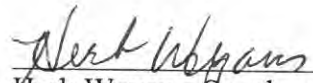
WHEREAS, the confidentiality of enrolled members and Tribal/consortium information is of the utmost importance; therefore, the information in this needs assessment will be collected anonymously by tribal member with the information stored at the University or North Dakota School of Medicine & Health Sciences within a locked file cabinet and destroyed after a period of three years.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe hereby authorizes participation in the *identifying Our Needs: A Survey of Elders III*. The Mille Lacs Band grants permission to the North Dakota, Alaska and Hawaii National Resource Centers on Native Aging to use all collected needs assessment information in aggregate format for the purpose of disseminating state, regional and national results from analysis of the data; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that specific information collected within the boundaries of the Mille Lacs Band belongs to the Mille Lacs Band and may not be released in any form to individuals, agencies or organizations without tribal authorization.


WE DO HEREBY CERTIFY, that the foregoing resolution was duly concurred with and adopted at special session of the Band Assembly in Legislative Council assembled, a quorum of legislators being present held on the 31st day of May, 2007 at Vineland, 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 and forwarded to the Chief Executive for concurrence.



Herb Weyaus, Speaker of the Assembly

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



Melanie Benjamin, Chief Executive