



THE MILLE LACS BAND OF OJIBWE INDIANS

Legislative Branch of Tribal Government

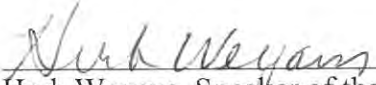
JOINT RESOLUTION 12-03-45-07

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF EXTENDING THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS MIDWEST REGIONAL OFFICE (BIA MRO) TO REPROGRAM TRIBAL PRIORITY ALLOCATION (TPA) FUNDS FOR FEE-TO-TRUST CONSORTIUM PROGRAM

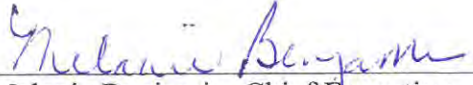
- WHEREAS, the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe Band Assembly is the duly-elected governing body of the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe, a federally-recognized Indian Tribe; and
- WHEREAS, the Chief Executive and the Band Assembly of the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe have consistently recognized that the greatest single obstacle to the full function and exercise of tribal sovereignty is the continuing inability of the Band to put land into trust; and
- WHEREAS, a continuing source of this difficulty is the under-financing and staffing of Realty operations, specifically concerning fee to trust applications at the BIA MRO in addition to the current backlog of pending fee to trust applications with new applications continually being added; and
- WHEREAS, the BIA has a responsibility to the Band to assist in the fee to trust process, as delineated in 25 CFR 151, including performance of inherently federal functions that can not be transferred to the Band under P.L. 93-638 Titles I and IV; and
- WHEREAS, the Band wishes to promote the acquisition of certain tribal fee lands into trust status with the United States of America; and
- WHEREAS, the Band entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Midwest Regional Office in March of 2006 to participate in the Midwest Fee to Trust Consortium, a copy of which is attached and therefore made a part of this resolution; and
- WHEREAS, the Band wishes to continue to participate in the Consortium and assist the BIA MRO by extending the term of the Memorandum of Understanding entered into during March of 2006 to end in fiscal year 2010 instead of fiscal year 2008.
- NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mille Lacs Band Assembly hereby supports extending the term of the Memorandum of Understanding which was entered into during March of 2006 to continued through fiscal year 2010 and all other terms and conditions of the Memorandum of Understanding will remain the same.

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 of legislators being quorum present held on the 13th of February 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.


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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