

THE MILLE LACS BAND OF

Legislative Branch of Tribal Government

RESOLUTION 13-02-81-08

A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE RETAINING OF A MODERATOR FOR PUBLIC HEARING

- the Mille Lacs-Band Assembly is the duly elected governing body for the WHEREAS, Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe, a federally-recognized Indian Tribe; and
- WHEREAS, 3 MLBSA § 1 authorizes the Band Assembly to act as the body referred to as the Reservation Business Committee (RBC) as described in the Revised Constitution and Bylaws of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe; and
- WHEREAS, 3 MLBSA § 2(d) empowers the Band Assembly to adopt resolutions; and
- WHEREAS, a notice of ethical violations and gaming law violations against Chief Executive Melanie Benjamin are stated causes for removal and supported by a petition entitled "Petition in Support of Action to Remove MLBO Elected Official for Ethical Violations of Band Statute and the MCT Constitution and for Violation of Gaming Laws" along with supporting documents which was submitted to the Secretary-Treasurer and Band Assembly in accordance with the Minnesota Chippewa Tribal Constitution; and
- WHEREAS, according to MCT Protocol, a committee was appointed by the Band Assembly to authenticate the signatures on the Petition to determine whether or not the petition is supported by the signatures of no less than 20 percent of the resident eligible voters of the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe Reservation as required in Article X, Section 3 of the MCT Constitution; and
- WHEREAS, the Secretary-Treasurer has received the committee's report verifying that the signatures attached to Petition were resident eligible voters of the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe Reservation and of sufficient number to meet the requirement of Article X, Section 3 of the MCT Constitution; and -
- the Band Assembly has determined that it is the best interests of the Band to WHEREAS. retain a Moderator to assist in conducting the hearing.
- NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Band Assembly hereby approves the retaining of a Moderator to assist in conducting the public hearing of the Joint Session at a date to be determined, but within fifteen (15) days of September 29, 2008.

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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 30th day of September, 2008 at Vineland, Minnesota by a vote of <u>2</u> FOR, <u>0</u> AGAINST, <u>0</u> SILENT.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we, the Band Assembly hereunto cause to have set the signature of the Speaker of the Assembly.

Herb Weyaus, Speaker of Assembly

OFFICIAL SEAL OF THE BAND