



THE MILLE LACS BAND OF  
**OJIBWE INDIANS**

*Legislative Branch of Tribal Government*

**JOINT RESOLUTION 12-04-131-08**

**A JOINT RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE FEASIBILITY STUDY OF  
A HIGH SPEED COMMUTER RAIL LINE CONNECTING DOWNTOWN  
MINNEAPOLIS AND DULUTH/SUPERIOR.**

- 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, the Mille Lacs Band Assembly acting pursuant to 3 MLBSA section 2 has the authority to enact laws which promote the general welfare of the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe; and
- WHEREAS, the Chief Executive is empowered to exercise the Executive Branch powers of the Band; and
- WHEREAS, the Band Assembly and Chief Executive acknowledge that the Minneapolis-Twin Ports Passenger Rail Committee, comprised of representatives from many counties and cities located in the Twin Cities Metro Area, the East Central Region, and the Northshore Area, have commissioned a feasibility study to explore the concept of a high speed rail line running north and south; and
- WHEREAS, the Minneapolis-Twin Ports Passenger Rail Committee has hired a consultant group TEMS, to study the possibility of restoring Intercity Passenger Rail Service; and
- WHEREAS, the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe, as well as the counties of Hennepin, Anoka, Isanti, Pine, St. Louis, Lake, and Douglas; and the cities of Minneapolis and Duluth, have committed funding to complete the study and support an effort to complete this project; and
- WHEREAS, the Minneapolis-Twin Ports Passenger Rail Committee is requesting support for the project from the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe; and
- WHEREAS, a draft of this report will be prepared by TEMS for review by the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe as well as the Minneapolis-Twin Ports Passenger Rail Committee, and other interested parties; and
- WHEREAS, each government will decide if they will continue to support the project after the feasibility study is reviewed and completed; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe is supportive of the study for the restoration of Intercity Passenger Rail Service.

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 quorum of legislators being present held on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of November, 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 to be affixed to this resolution.

  
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Herb Weyaus, Speaker of the Assembly

IN CONCURRENCE, 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**