



THE MILLE LACS BAND OF
OJIBWE INDIANS

Legislative Branch of Tribal Government

JOINT RESOLUTION 13-03-50-09

A JOINT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THAT THE CENSUS BUREAU AMEND THE CENSUS MAP TO IDENTIFY THE LOCATION NOW KNOWN AS THE SANDY LAKE RESERVATION PROPERTIES TO MILLE LACS RESERVATION PROPERTIES.

- WHEREAS, the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe (Band) is a member of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe (MCT); and
- WHEREAS, the Mille Lacs Band Assembly is a duly elected governing body of the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe, a federally-recognized Indian Tribe; and
- WHEREAS, the Mille Lacs Band Assembly is empowered by 3 MLBSA § 2(d) to adopt resolutions to promote the general welfare of the people; and
- WHEREAS, the Chief Executive is empowered to exercise all executive political authority for the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe; and
- WHEREAS, the Mille Lacs Band is the political successor of the historic Sandy Lake Band; and
- WHEREAS, the original charter of organization of the Mille Lacs Band [following the organization of the MCT under the Indian Reorganization ACT (IRA)] provides that the membership of the Mille Lacs Band would thereafter consist of “all Chippewa Indians permanently residing on the Mille Lacs Reservation and at, or near, the villages of Isle, Danbury, East Lake and Sandy Lake.....;” and
- WHEREAS, the original charter further provides that those Chippewa Indians who reside “on the Mille Lacs Reservation or on any lands under the jurisdiction of the Band” would be registered as Mille Lacs members; and
- WHEREAS, Article VI, section 1(c) of the MCT Constitution provides “The [Reservation] Business Committee shall be authorized to manage, lease, permit or otherwise deal with tribal lands, interests in lands or other tribal assets, when authorized to do so by the Tribal Executive Committee but no such authorization shall be necessary in the case of lands or assets owned exclusively by the Reservation.” and
- WHEREAS, 3 MLBSA § 1 states that all Band legislative power is vested in the Band Assembly and that it is the body referred to in the MCT Constitution as the Reservation Business Committee; and

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WHEREAS, 3 MLBSA § 2(g) authorizes the Band Assembly to perform all legislative functions conferred on the Reservation Business Committee in Article VI of the MCT Constitution; and

WHEREAS, the Band, through the Band Assembly and with the concurrence of the Chief Executive, hereby requests that the properties identified on all Census Bureau Maps as the Sandy Lake Reservation properties be identified as the Mille Lacs Reservation Properties; and


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe hereby requests the Census Bureau identify all Sandy Lake Reservation properties as Mille Lacs Band properties.

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 9th of April, 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 the Assembly, I, set my hand to this resolution.


Marge Anderson, Chief Executive

OFFICIAL SEAL OF THE BAND