



THE MILLE LACS BAND OF  
**OJIBWE INDIANS**

*Legislative Branch of Tribal Government*

**JOINT RESOLUTION 13-03-22-09**

**A JOINT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SOLICITOR GENERAL TO TERMINATE LEGAL SERVICE CONTRACTS: (1) THE MILLE LACS BAND OF OJIBWE AND INDIAN LEGAL SERVICES; AND (2) THE MILLE LACS BAND OF OJIBWE AND MID-MINNESOTA LEGAL ASSISTANCE.**

WHEREAS, the Mille Lacs Band Assembly is the duly elected governing body of the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe Indians, a Federally-recognized Indian Tribe; and

WHEREAS, 3 MLBSA § 2 authorizes the Band Assembly to adopt resolutions to promote the general welfare of the Mille Lacs Band and its members; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Executive of the Band is empowered to exercise the Executive Branch powers of the Band; and

WHEREAS, the Band Assembly and Chief Executive recognize that it is in the best interests of the Band to provide legal services for its tribal members; and

WHEREAS, although in the past these legal services have been provided by Indian Legal Services for criminal representation and Mid-Minnesota Legal Assistance for civil representation, it is the desire of the Band's elected officials to bring this legal work in-house under the umbrella of the Band's Department of Justice; and

WHEREAS, in consideration of the Band's elected officials desire to initiate a government office known as the Mille Lacs Band Legal Services, the Band's elected officials hereby authorize the Solicitor General to terminate the existing legal contracts with Indian Legal Services and Mid-Minnesota Legal Assistance; and

WHEREAS, the Band Assembly and Chief Executive acknowledge that according to the terms of the existing legal contracts, the contracts will expire six months (Indian Legal) and three months (Mid-MN) from date of receipt of letter of termination.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Solicitor General is hereby authorized to terminate in writing the existing legal contracts with Indian Legal Services and Mid-Minnesota Legal Assistance in order to initiate a government office under the umbrella of the Department of Justice known as the Mille Lacs Band Legal Services that will provide both civil and criminal legal services to Band Members.

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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 29<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2009 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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Marge Anderson, Chief Executive

**OFFICIAL SEAL OF THE BAND**