



THE MILLE LACS BAND OF
OJIBWE INDIANS

Legislative Branch of Tribal Government

JOINT RESOLUTION 13-03-54-09

A JOINT RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE MINNESOTA INDIAN GAMING ASSOCIATION'S (MIGA) ENDEAVOR TO SOLICIT THE U.S. GOVERNMENT TO ENACT LEGISLATION THAT WOULD AMEND THE NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS ACT (NLRA) TO RECOGNIZE THAT INDIAN TRIBES SHOULD BE TREATED AS GOVERNMENTS

- 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 Chief Executive is empowered to exercise all executive political authority for the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe; and
- WHEREAS, the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe is one of the nine (9) federally-recognized Indian Tribes in Minnesota that holds membership in the Minnesota Indian Gaming Association (MIGA); and
- WHEREAS, an exercise of the inherent sovereign authority of the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe is the operation of gaming on trust land within its territorial lands and as recognized by the federal government under the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act (IGRA) (25 U.S.C. § 2701 *et seq.*); and
- WHEREAS, the inherent sovereign authority of the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe within its territory is confirmed in its Treaties with the United States and the principles outlined therein that confirm the Tribe's right to determine the conditions under which others are permitted to enter Tribal lands; and
- WHEREAS, the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe believes that the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB) has improperly held that the National Labor Relations Act (NLRA) applies to Tribal governments that conduct gaming on its reservations; and
- WHEREAS, the United States government has a treaty-based obligation to protect the sovereignty of Indian Tribes on those lands that are set aside for the use and occupancy of Indian Tribes; and
- WHEREAS, the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe supports the Minnesota Indian Gaming Association (MIGA) efforts to enlist the United States government to amend the National Labor Relations Act (NLRA) to recognize that Indian Tribes are to be treated as governments.

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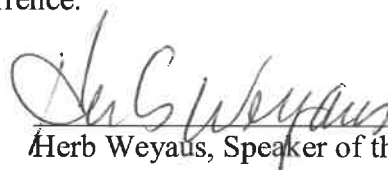
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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe supports the Minnesota Indian Gaming Association's (MIGA) endeavor to enlist the United States government to amend the National Labor Relations Act (NLRA) to recognize that Indian Tribes must be treated as governments under federal law, and, if necessary, to enact legislation to treat Indian Tribes as governments under all federal laws, including federal labor laws.

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 7th day of April, 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 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