

THE MILLE LACS BAND OF BWENDIANS

Legislative Branch of Tribal Government

JOINT RESOLUTION 14-01-105-10

A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE MILLE LACS BAND OF CHIPPEWA INDIANS APPROVING THE CONFIDENTIALITY OF THE REMOVAL PETITION AND ITS SIGNATURES FOR AN INDEFINITE PERIOD

- WHEREAS, the Mille Lacs Band Assembly is the duly-elected governing body of the Mille Lacs Band of Chippewa Indians; and
- the Chief Executive of the Band is empowered to exercise the Executive Branch WHEREAS, powers of the Band; and
- WHEREAS, the Chief Executive and Band Assembly believe that it is in the best interest of the Band to maintain the confidentiality of the signature lists attached to the Petition for Removal of the former Chief Executive, Melanie Benjamin, until such time as the federal and/or state case reach a conclusion; and
- WHEREAS, the Chief Executive and Band Assembly further believe that the original Petition for Removal and the original lists of signatures to this petition are to be kept in a secure offsite storage location with the materials and documentation related to the federal investigation; and
- the Chief Executive and Band Assembly hereby approve the maintenance of the WHEREAS, original Petition for Removal and the original lists of signatures in the offsite storage location and approve no access to this Petition and its signatures until the federal and/or state case against the former Chief Executive, Melanie Benjamin, is concluded.
- NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Band Assembly and Chief Executive hereby approve as follows: (1) that it is in the best interest of the Band to maintain the confidentiality of the signature lists attached to the Petition for Removal of the former Chief Executive, Melanie Benjamin, until such time as the federal and/or state case reach a conclusion; and (2) that the original Petition for Removal and the original lists of signatures to this petition are to be kept in a secure offsite storage location with the materials and documentation related to the federal investigation; and (3) that there shall be no access to this Petition and its signatures until the federal and/or state case against the former Chief Executive, Melanie Benjamin, is concluded.

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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 10th day of May, 2010, at Vineland, Minnesota by a vote of <u>3</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 the Assembly

IN COCURRENCE, with the action of the Speaker of the Assembly, I, hereunto set my hand to this resolution.

Marge Anderson, Chief Executive

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