



THE MILLE LACS BAND OF
OJIBWE INDIANS

Legislative Branch of Tribal Government

JOINT RESOLUTION 14-01-125-10

A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE MILLE LACS BAND OF CHIPPEWA INDIANS APPROVING THE CONFIDENTIALITY OF THE REMOVAL PETITION AND ITS SIGNATURES AND PROVIDING THAT NO ACCESS IS PERMITTED TO THESE DOCUMENTS UNTIL THE CONCLUSION OF THE CASE(S)

- WHEREAS, the Mille Lacs Band Assembly is the duly-elected governing body of the Mille Lacs Band of Chippewa Indians; and
- WHEREAS, the Chief Executive of the Band is empowered to exercise the Executive Branch 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, state and/or tribal case is concluded; and
- WHEREAS, the Chief Executive and Band Assembly approved Joint Resolution 14-01-105-10 on May 10, 2010 regarding the confidentiality of the Petition and its signatures and now wish to amend such resolution; and
- WHEREAS, the Chief Executive and Band Assembly believe that the original Petition for Removal and its original lists of signatures should be kept in a secure offsite storage location along with the materials and documentation related to the federal investigation; and
- WHEREAS, the Chief Executive and Band Assembly believe that it is in the best interest of the Band to ensure the security of the Petition and its signatures and therefore continue to approve that no access to the Petition and its signatures be permitted until the conclusion of the federal, state and/or tribal case against the former Chief Executive, Melanie Benjamin; and
- WHEREAS, the Chief Executive and Band Assembly hereby approve the maintenance of the original Petition for Removal and its original lists of signatures in the offsite storage location and mandate that no individual shall have viewing access to this Petition or be able to remove the same until the conclusion of the federal, state and/or tribal case against the former Chief Executive, Melanie Benjamin, is finalized.

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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, state and/or tribal case reach a conclusion; and (2) that the original Petition for Removal and its original lists of signatures are to be kept in a secure offsite storage location along 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, state and/or tribal case against the former Chief Executive, Melanie Benjamin, is concluded.


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 29th day of June, 2010, at Vineland, Minnesota by a vote of 2 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.



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

OFFICIAL SEAL OF THE BAND