



THE MILLE LACS BAND OF OJIBWE INDIANS

Legislative Branch of Tribal Government

JOINT RESOLUTION 15-01-135-12

A JOINT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT FOR VOLUNTARY RESEARCH ASSISTANCE PROVIDED BY KATIE JOHNSTON-GOODSTAR AND ROSS VELURE ROHOLT FOR THE PURPOSES OF ASSESSING THE MILLE LACS BAND COMMUNITY'S YOUTH GANG PROBLEM AND ALLOWING FOR THE PUBLICATION OF DATA DERIVED FROM SUCH WORK AS PROVIDED IN AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE UNIVERSITY AND THE MILLE LACS BAND.

- 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 Mille Lacs Band Assembly acting pursuant to 3 MLBSA § 2 has the authority to enact laws which promote the general welfare of the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe; and
- WHEREAS, the Chief Executive is empowered to exercise the Executive Branch powers of the Band; and
- WHEREAS, the Band Assembly and Chief Executive acknowledge that the Mille Lacs Band Community faces a significant gang problem; and
- WHEREAS, in order to combat this problem, the Mille Lacs Band is considering implementation of a gang reduction program modeled after the Comprehensive Gang Model created by the U.S. Department of Justice's Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention; and
- WHEREAS, in order to adequately implement an anti-gang strategy, the Mille Lacs Band must first assess the scope of its current gang problem in a two-phase process; and
- WHEREAS, the first phase of the assessment will collect community demographic data, law enforcement data and school disciplinary and demographic data; and

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- WHEREAS, the second phase of the assessment will measure community perceptions and evaluate available community resources; and
- WHEREAS, the result of these two phases will be an Assessment Report that the Mille Lacs Band can use to create its gang reduction program; and
- WHEREAS, Katie Johnston-Goodstar and Ross VeLure Roholt are volunteering to provide assistance in data collection and to create the Assessment Report to be provided to the Chief Executive, Band Assembly and the Office of the Solicitor General; and
- WHEREAS, Ms. Johnston-Goodstar and Mr. Roholt would like the opportunity to publish any data, results, inferences, conclusions or other information flowing from the data collected to create the Assessment Report that may be helpful for other communities; and
- WHEREAS, Ms. Johnston-Goodstar and Mr. Roholt have agreed to the terms of the Gang Research Agreement Between the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe and Regents of the University of Minnesota through its School of Social Work ("Agreement"); and
- WHEREAS, neither the Assessment Report nor any other product will be published or in any other way disseminated by Ms. Johnston-Goodstar and Mr. Roholt except through the process provided in the Agreement.
- NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chief Executive is authorized to enter into the Agreement with Ms. Johnston-Goodstar and Mr. Roholt; and
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Ms. Johnston-Goodstar and Mr. Roholt, of the University of Minnesota School of Social Work be allowed to collect data and create an Assessment Report, including law enforcement and student data; and
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Report will be provided to the Chief Executive, Band Assembly and the Solicitor General's Office for use in development of the gang reduction program; and
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Ms. Johnston-Goodstar and Mr. Roholt will comply with the terms of the Agreement prior to the publication of any data, results, inferences, conclusions or other information flowing from the data collected to create the Assessment Report.

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 26th of June, 2012 at Vineland, Minnesota by a vote of 2 FOR, 0 AGAINST, and 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.



Curt Kalk, Speaker of the Assembly

IN CONCURRENCE, 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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