

## THE MILLE LACS BAND OF OJIBWENDIANS

Legislative Branch of Tribal Government

## **JOINT RESOLUTION 15-01-97-12**

A JOINT RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE GAMING REGULATORY AUTHORITY AS THE ENITY RESPONSIBLE FOR CONDUCTING THE CRIMINAL BACKGROUND INVESTIGATIONS OF CANDIDATES FOR THE 2012 MCT ELECTION ON THE MILLE LACS RESERVATION

- WHEREAS, the Mille Lacs Reservation Band Assembly is the duly elected governing body of the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe, a federally-recognized Indian Tribe; and
- WHEREAS, the Band Assembly is empowered by Band Statue 3 MLBSA § 2, to adopt Resolutions which 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 Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe is one (1) of the six (6) Ojibwe Bands forming the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe ("MCT"); and
- WHEREAS, Article IV of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe Revised Constitution mandates that all tribal elections on the six (6) reservations shall be in accordance with a uniform election ordinance adopted by the Tribal Executive Committee ("TEC"), the entity recognized as the MCT governing body; and
- WHEREAS, the Secretary-Treasurer and the Chief Executive are voting members of the TEC; and
- WHEREAS, the MCT Election Ordinance #10 (Revised 12/19/11) has been adopted by the TEC as the official Election Ordinance for the 2012 MCT Election to be held on the Mille Lacs Reservation; and
- WHEREAS, Chapter 1, Section 3.D.5. of the MCT Election Ordinance #10 (Revised 12/19/11), entitled Conducting Criminal History Check authorizes each Band governing body to designate the entity responsible for conducting the required criminal background investigations; and
- WHEREAS, Chapter 1, Section 3.C.4. of the MCT Election Ordinance #10 (Revised 12/19/11), requires that each Band governing body "...shall make its certification decision based on all information available at the time..." and that such certification decisions "must adhere" to the requirements of the MCT Constitution and the MCT Election Ordinance; and

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- WHEREAS, the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe hereby designates the Gaming Regulatory Authority as the entity responsible for conducting the required criminal background investigations used to establish the eligibility of candidacy for the 2012 MCT Regular Election; and
- WHEREAS, the results of the criminal background investigations are confidential and shall be sealed by the Gaming Regulatory Authority upon completion and remain sealed until personally delivered to the Secretary-Treasurer on the date established for certification of the candidates when the envelope(s) will be opened by the elected officials; and
- WHEREAS, the Executive Director of the Gaming Regulatory Authority shall also ensure that any GRA employee who may handle the confidential results of the criminal background investigations of the candidates be required to maintain the confidential nature of these findings and shall ensure that no communications to third parties be made.
- NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Band Assembly and Chief Executive hereby designate the Gaming Regulatory Authority as the entity responsible for conducting the criminal background investigations for candidacy for the 2012 MCT Election and require that the Gaming Regulatory Authority and staff maintain the confidentiality of these findings in a sealed envelope until delivered to the Secretary-Treasurer on the date set for the certification of the candidates.
- 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 10<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2012 at Vineland, 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.

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.

Marga Orderson, Chief Executive