



THE MILLE LACS BAND OF
OJIBWE INDIANS

Legislative Branch of Tribal Government
JOINT RESOLUTION 15-03-221-13

A JOINT RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SUBMISSION OF A 2013 LANGUAGE PRESERVATION—ESTHER MARTINEZ INITIATIVE GRANT APPLICATION TO THE ADMINISTRATION OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES: ADMINISTRATON OF NATIVE AMERICANS

- WHEREAS, the Mille Lacs Band Assembly is the duly elected governing body for the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe, a federally-recognized Indian Tribe; and
- WHEREAS, according to 3 MLBSA § 2(d), the Band Assembly is empowered to adopt resolutions to promote the general welfare of the people of the Band; 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 Assembly and Chief Executive have established as a priority the improvement of the physical, social, and mental well-being of the Band's Communities; and
- WHEREAS, the Mille Lacs Band Assembly and Chief Executive recognize the importance of revitalizing the Ojibwe language to preserve and promote the traditional teachings and cultural values of Mille Lacs Band Elders; and
- WHEREAS, the Mille Lacs Band Assembly and Chief Executive fully supports the goal of the Esther Martinez Initiative to revitalize Native American languages through language and cultural immersion programs to ensure their survival and continuing vitality; and
- WHEREAS, if awarded, the Mille Lacs Band Assembly and Chief Executive supports the Department of Education's Ojibwe Language Program intention to allocate not more than \$185,000 of its operating budget to support the immersion project over the proposed three years of FY2014-2016; and
- WHEREAS, if awarded, the Mille Lacs Band Assembly and Chief Executive support the use of \$185,000 of its operating budget through FY2014-2016 by MLBO Ojibwe Language Program to meet the grant requirement of providing cost matching non-federal funds in the amount of at least 20 percent of the proposed grant budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mille Lacs Band Assembly and Chief Executive do hereby authorize and approve the submission of a proposal to the Administration of Native Americans for the 2013 Native American Language Preservation and Maintenance—Esther Martinez Initiative grant program.

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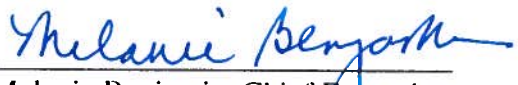
WE DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing resolution was duly concurred with and adopted at a special session of the Band Assembly in Legislative Council assembled, a quorum of legislators being present held on the 23rd day of May, 2013 at Vineland, Minnesota by a vote of 3 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 SILENT.

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.



Melanie Benjamin, Chief Executive

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