



THE MILLE LACS BAND OF
OJIBWE INDIANS
Legislative Branch of Tribal Government

JOINT RESOLUTION 15-03-203-13

**A RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING THAT TRAFFIC NOT
BE RE-ROUTED OFF OF TH-169 DURING THE S.P. 4814-52 (TH 169)
RUM RIVER BRIDGE REPLACEMENT (Br # 6657) PROJECT**

- 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 of Ojibwe entered a Government to Government Transportation Accord ("Accord") with the Minnesota Department of Transportation ("MNDOT") and the Federal Highway Administration – Minnesota Division; and
- WHEREAS, the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe, in an effort to better coordinate on transportation planning, development and maintenance projects as indicated in the Accord, wishes to notify MNDOT of the Band's wishes regarding the Rum River Bridge Replacement; and
- WHEREAS, the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe has many interests at stake regarding the re-routing of traffic during the Rum River Bridge Replacement Project; and
- WHEREAS, the Mille Lacs Band was provided several potential alternatives for redirecting traffic during the Rum River Bridge Replacement Project by MNDOT on December 10, 2012; and
- WHEREAS, based on the alternatives, the Mille Lacs Band has determined the re-routing of traffic away from TH169 will have significant impacts on response times for emergency vehicles, school transportation, travel times between medical services, including outpatient facilities, increase travel times between Band Communities and it will also greatly change traffic flows to Grand Casino Mille Lacs, a primary destination for the area; and
- WHEREAS, the re-route away from TH169 will cause significant social and economic hardship to the Mille Lacs Band and its Band Members.
- NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Mille Lacs Band Assembly hereby recommends that during the Rum River Bridge Replacement (Br# 6657) the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MNDOT) keep traffic within the Highway 169 corridor.

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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 being present and held on the 23rd of April, 2013 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 to be affixed to this resolution and forwarded to the Chief Executive for concurrence.



Curt Kalk, Speaker of the Assembly

IN CONCURRENCE, with the action of the Speaker of the Assembly, I, the Chief Executive have set my hand to this resolution.



Melanie Benjamin, Chief Executive