



THE MILLE LACS BAND OF
OJIBWE INDIANS

Legislative Branch of Tribal Government

JOINT RESOLUTION 15-04-259-13

A JOINT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN THE “IDENTIFYING OUR NEEDS: A SURVEY OF ELDERS” NATIVE ELDER SOCIAL AND HEALTH NEEDS ASSESSMENT. THE MILLE LACS BAND GRANTS PERMISSION TO THE NORTH DAKOTA, ALASKA, AND HAWAII NATIONAL RESOURCE CENTERS ON NATIVE AGING TO USE ALL COLLECTED NEEDS ASSESMENT INFORMATION IN AGGREGATE FORMAT FOR THE PURPOSES OF DISSEMINATING STATE, REGIONAL, AND NATIONAL RESULTS FROM ANALYSES OF THE DATA.

- 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 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 educational and social conditions and quality of life for the people of the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe; and
- WHEREAS, the Mille Lacs Band Assembly and Chief Executive recognize the importance of providing nutritional, health, and supportive services to our Elders, including social interactions with youth that encourage mentoring and cultural education; and
- WHEREAS, the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe fully endorses the initiative to provide support for Elder caregivers at the Adult Living Units, such as an adult day care program; and
- WHEREAS, Long-term care, a category that includes health promotion, home health services, personal care, housekeeping assistance, meals-on-wheels, skilled nursing care, assisted living, and other in-home services, is an emerging unmet need in Indian Country; and

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WHEREAS, the North Dakota, Alaska, and Hawaii National Resource Centers on Native Aging have been awarded grants through the Administration on Aging, Department of Health and Human Services, to provide technical assistance on the health and social needs of American Indians, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian elderly and assist these groups in conducting a needs assessment which is a requirement for their Administration of Aging (AOA) grant; and

WHEREAS, the needs assessment is designed to yield information on the following Native elder health care needs:

- General Health Status
- Activities of Daily Living
- Visual, Hearing, and Dental
- Tobacco and Alcohol Use
- Nutrition, Exercise, and Excess Weight
- Social Support, Housing, and Work

WHEREAS, in addition to providing technical assistance, the grant to the North Dakota, Alaska, and Hawaii Resource Centers on Native Aging is required by the Older Americans Act to perform research and disseminate the results of the research, and

WHEREAS, the North Dakota, Alaska, and Hawaii National Resource Centers on Native Aging are asking Tribes throughout the nation to volunteer to participate in a partnership arrangement, to identify the needs of American Indian and Alaska Native elders nationwide, in which the resource centers and the Tribe/consortium will each assume responsibilities:

What the Resource Center will provide:

- Needs assessment instruments
- Assistance in sampling
- Training of interviewers
- Consultation with interviewers via email or telephone
- Data entry and analysis
- Data storage
- Production of tables and comparisons with national statistics

What each Tribe/consortium will provide:

- A Tribal Resolution documenting participation in the Native elder social and health needs assessment as applicable
- A list of elders to interview
- Interviewers or volunteers to conduct the survey
- Interpretation of the results with local input
- Development of recommendations for actions
- Dissemination of the results to tribal leaders and health officials


WHEREAS, summary information from your needs assessment, along with a national comparison report from all the needs assessments, will be returned to the Mille Lacs Band and to the local contact person; and

WHEREAS, the confidentiality of enrolled members and Tribal/consortium information is of the utmost importance; therefore, the information in this needs assessment will be collected anonymously by tribal members with the information stored at the UND School of Medicine and Health Sciences within a locked file cabinet and destroyed after a period of ten years.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mille Lacs Band Assembly and Chief Executive do hereby authorize the participation in the "Identifying Our Needs: A Survey of Elders" Native elder social and health needs assessment. The Mille Lacs Band grants permission to the North Dakota, Alaska, and Hawaii National Resource Centers on Native Aging to use all collected needs assessment information in aggregate format for the purpose of disseminating a state, regional, and national results from analyses of the data.

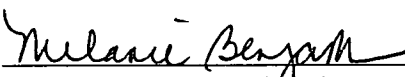
WE DO HEREBY CERTIFY, that the foregoing resolution was duly concurred with and adopted at a regular session of the Band Assembly in Legislative Council assembled, a quorum of legislators being present held on the 1st day of October, 2013 at Vineland, Minnesota by a vote of 2 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 SILENT.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we, the Band Assembly hereunto cause to have set the signature of the Speaker of the Assembly.



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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