



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

JOINT RESOLUTION 16-01-64-14

A JOINT RESOLUTION DEFINING THE MILLE LACS BAND RESERVATION VOTING DISTRICTS AND DESIGNATING ITS POLLING PLACES AS AUTHORIZED IN THE MINNESOTA CHIPPEWA TRIBE (MCT) ELECTION ORDINANCE #10, AS AMENDED TO 11/05/13.

- WHEREAS, the Mille Lacs Band Assembly is the duly elected governing body of the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe, a federally recognized Indian Tribe as established by the Revised Constitution and Bylaws of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe; and
- WHEREAS, the Chief Executive is the duly elected Executive Officer for the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe; and
- WHEREAS, together the Chief Executive and Band Assembly form the Reservation Business Committee also known as the Joint Assembly as referenced in 3 MLBSA § 24; and
- WHEREAS, the Joint Assembly is the governing body for the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe and it is the entity referenced in Chapter I, Section 1.3(B) of the MCT Election Ordinance #10, as amended to 11/05/13. The aforementioned section also authorizes the Band governing body to define the “reservation” so as “to include specified lands outside the boundaries of the reservation, as may be defined by treaty, statute, executive order, or other document considered sufficient authority by the Band governing body, including all lands considered Indian Country under the governmental authority of that Reservation;” and
- WHEREAS, Chapter I, Section 1.4(B) of the MCT Election Ordinance #10, as amended to 11/05/13, authorizes each Band governing body to designate by official action its polling places “for its respective reservation and, on the day when the Tribal Executive Committee is notified of eligible candidates under Section 1.3(C)(4), to notify TEC of the districts and designated polling places;” and
- WHEREAS, Chapter I, Section 1.4(C) of the MCT Election Ordinance #10, as amended to 11/05/13, authorizes each Band governing body to establish, by official action, voting precincts in off-reservation areas where it deems it has sufficient eligible voters to warrant such a voting polling place;” and

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WHEREAS, Chapter I, Section 1.4(D) of the MCT Election Ordinance #10, as amended to 11/05/13, authorizes each Band governing body to establish “alternative polling places in the event an emergency makes a polling place established under Section 1.4(B) unavailable; and

WHEREAS, the Band governing body acknowledges that the reservation boundaries for District I and part of District II(a) are within the boundaries of the 1855 Treaty; and

WHEREAS, the Band governing body also acknowledges that the reservation boundaries for Districts II and III are outside the 1855 Treaty boundaries and are therefore limited to all Band owned fee lands, trust and allotted lands; and

WHEREAS, the Band governing body acknowledges that hundreds of Band Members reside in the Twin Cities and the surrounding counties warranting a need for a separate voting polling place; and

WHEREAS, the Band governing body hereby authorizes that the Band’s voting districts and urban voting polling place shall be as follows:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Band governing body hereby authorizes that the voting districts for the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe shall be as follows:

District I:

District I will include all lands, including fee lands within Township 43 North, Range 27 West; Township 42 North, Range 27 West; Township 42 North, Range 26 West and that part of Township 42 North, Range 25 West that is West of the City Limits of Isle and West of Highway 17 and 27 dividing Township 42 North, Range 25 West. A voting polling place shall be located in District I (Nayahshing).

District II(a):

District II(a) comprises all lands within Township 42 North, Range 25 West that lies within the City Limits of Isle and those lands East of Highway 17 and 27 that divide Township 42 North, Range 25 West. A voting polling place shall be located in District II(a) (Chiminising).

District II:

District II shall be described as: Within a 25 mile radius, the District II boundaries shall include all lands held in trust by the United States for the Mille Lacs Band, all lands held in trust for the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe under the jurisdiction of the Mille Lacs Band, and Individual allotted lands including Band owned fee lands within a 25 mile radius of the East Lake Community Center under the jurisdiction of the Mille Lacs Band. A voting polling place shall be located in District II (Minisinaakwaang).

District III:

District III shall be described as: Within a 25 mile radius, the District III boundaries shall include all lands held in trust by the United States for the Mille Laes Band, all lands held in trust for the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe under the jurisdiction of the Mille Laes Band, and Individual allotted lands including Band owned fee lands within a 25 mile radius of the Lake Lena Community Center, located in Minnesota, under the jurisdiction of the Mille Laes Band. A voting polling place shall be located in District III (Aazhoomog).

Urban:

The urban voting polling place located at the Mille Laes Urban Office is provided for those Band Members who reside in the Twin Cities and the seven counties surrounding the Minneapolis/St. Paul metro area. The counties to be included are: Hennepin (contains the city of Minneapolis), Ramsey (contains the city of St. Paul), Anoka, Washington, Carver, Scott and Dakota County. (See attached map of 7 counties.)

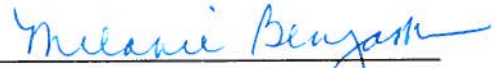
WE DO HEREBY CERTIFY, that this resolution was duly concurred with and adopted at a regular session of the Band Assembly in Legislative council assembled, a quorum of legislators being present held on the 6th day of February, 2014 at Vineland, Minnesota by a Vote of 3 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 SILENT.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we, the Band Assembly authorize 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, Chief Executive have set my hand to this resolution.



Melanie Benjamin, Chief Executive

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