

Legislative Branch of Tribal Government

## JOINT RESOLUTION 16-01-65-14

A JOINT RESOLUTION DEFINING THE MILLE LACS BAND RESERVATION ELECTION DISTRICTS AS AUTHORIZED IN THE MINNESOTA CHIPPEWA TRIBE (MCT) ELECTION ORDINANCE FOR PURPOSES OF ELIGIBILITY AND CERTIFICATION OF CANDIDACY

- 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 is the entity referenced in Chapter I, Section 1.3(B) of MCT Election Ordinance #10, as amended to 11/05/13. The MCT Election Ordinance defines a reservation as all lands within the exterior boundaries of the reservation and authorizes the Band governing body to define, by official action, the reservation "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(A) of MCT Election Ordinance #10, as amended to 11/05/13, also authorizes each Band governing body to divide, by official action, its reservation and surrounding areas into districts for the purpose of electing members to the positions of Committeeperson on the Band governing body;" and
- WHEREAS, the Band governing body acknowledges that Joint Resolution 14-03-22-11, adopted on March 22, 2011, defined the election districts for purposes of eligibility and certification of candidacy; and
- WHEREAS, the Band governing body acknowledges that the MCT Election Ordinance #10, as amended to 11/05/13, changed section numbers and this Joint Resolution reflects those changes; and

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- 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 acknowledges that the reservation boundaries for District II and III are outside the 1855 Treaty Boundaries and are limited to all Band owned fee lands, trust and allotted lands.
- NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe hereby define the reservation boundaries for the purposes of complying with MCT Election Ordinance #10, as amended to 11/05/13, 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. (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. (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. (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 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 Lake Lena Community Center, located in Minnesota, under the jurisdiction of the Mille Lacs Band. (Aazhoomog)

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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 6<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2014 at Vineland, Minnesota by a Vote of <u>J</u> FOR, <u>C</u> AGAINST, <u>SILENT</u>.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we, 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