



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

**JOINT RESOLUTION 17-01-27-16**

**A JOINT RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE MILLE LACS  
BAND COURT OF APPEALS WITH ORIGINAL JURISDICTION  
TO DECIDE ELECTION CONTEST DISPUTES DURING THE  
2016 MINNESOTA CHIPPEWA TRIBE ELECTION ON THE  
MILLE LACS RESERVATION**

- WHEREAS, the Mille Lacs Band Assembly (“Band Assembly”) is the duly-elected governing body of the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe (“Band”), a federally-recognized Indian Tribe; and
- WHEREAS, pursuant to 3 MLBSA § 2 (d), the Band Assembly has the power to adopt resolutions to promote the general welfare of the people of the Band; and
- WHEREAS, pursuant to 4 MLBSA § 2, the Chief Executive of the Band is empowered to exercise the Executive Branch powers of the Band; and
- WHEREAS, the Mille Lacs Band of Chippewa Indians is one (1) of the six (6) Chippewa Bands forming the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe (“MCT”); and
- WHEREAS, Article III of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe Revised Constitution and Bylaws empower the Tribal Executive Committee (“TEC”) as the governing body of the MCT; and
- WHEREAS, the Secretary-Treasurer and the Chief Executive are voting members of the TEC; and
- WHEREAS, the MCT Election Ordinance (Revised 11/09/15), Chapter III, Section 3.4 sets forth the jurisdictional limitations of the MCT Tribal Election Court of Appeals, and specifically mandates that the “Band governing body will notify the Tribe of a decision to use the Court before the date of a scheduled primary election;” (Chapter III, Section 3.4 (B)(2)); and
- WHEREAS, the Band Assembly and Chief Executive have determined that it is in the Band’s best interest to follow 5 MLBSA § 111(f) authorizing original jurisdiction over election disputes in the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe’s Court of Central Jurisdiction Court of Appeals.

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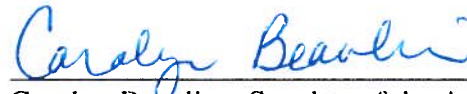
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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Band Assembly and Chief Executive have determined that it is in the Band's best interest that original jurisdiction over election disputes during the next election cycle remain in the Mille Lacs Band Court of Appeals.

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 21<sup>st</sup> day of January, 2016, at Vineland, Minnesota by a vote of 2 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 1 SILENT.

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



Carolyn Beaulieu, Speaker of the Assembly

IN COCURRENCE, with the action of the Speaker of the Assembly, I, hereunto set my hand to this resolution.

  
Melanie Benjamin, Chief Executive

**OFFICIAL SEAL OF THE BAND**