



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

JOINT RESOLUTION 17-01-29-16

**A JOINT RESOLUTION DEFINING THE MILLE LACS BAND
RESERVATION VOTING DISTRICTS AND DESIGNATING ITS
POLLING PLACES AS AUTHORIZED IN THE MINNESOTA
CHIPPEWA TRIBE ELECTION ORDINANCE**

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, 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 Section 1.2(A)(3) of the MCT Election Ordinance, as amended 11/9/15 (“ MCT Election Ordinance”). Section 1.3(B) 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 government authority of that Reservation”; and

WHEREAS, Chapter I, Section 1.4(B) of the MCT Election Ordinance, 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 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 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 boundaries for District I and part of District II(a) are within the boundaries of the Mille Lacs Indian Reservation as established in the 1855 Treaty with the Chippewa, 10 Stat. 1165 (Feb. 22, 1855); and

WHEREAS, the Band governing body also acknowledges that the boundaries for part of District II are within the boundaries of the Rice Lake and Sandy Lake Reservations as established in the 1855 treaty; and

WHEREAS, the band governing body also acknowledges that the boundaries for District III are outside the boundaries; 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.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Band’s governing body 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 and alternative polling place shall be located in District I (Nayahshing).

District II(a):

District II(a) comprises all lands, including fee 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 and alternative polling place shall be located in District II(a) (Chi Minising).

District II:

District II 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 all Individual allotted lands including Band owned fee lands within a 25 mile radius of the East Lake Community Center and under the jurisdiction of the Mille Lacs Band. A voting polling place and alternative polling place shall be located in District II (Minisinaakwaang).

District III:

District III 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 all Individual allotted lands including Band owned fee lands within a 25 mile radius of the Lake Lena Community Center, located in Minnesota, and under the jurisdiction of the Mille Lacs Band. A voting polling place and alternative polling place shall be located in District III (Aazhoomog).

Urban:

The urban voting polling place located at the Mille Lacs 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 seven counties.)

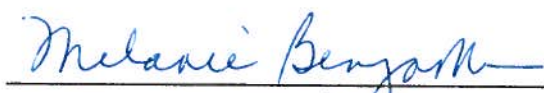
WE DO HEREBY CERTIFY, that this resolution was duly concurred with and adopted at a regular session of the Band Assembly in Legislative council assembled, a quorum of legislators being present held on the 21st day of January, 2016 at Vineland, Minnesota by a Vote of 2 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 1 SILENT.

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.


Carolyn Beaulieu, 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.

OFFICIAL SEAL OF THE BAND


Melanie Benjamin, Chief Executive