



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

**JOINT RESOLUTION 17-01-57-16**

**A JOINT RESOLUTION APPROVING THE COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN  
BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS AND MILLE LACS BAND OF OJIBWE FOR  
WILDLAND FIRE MANAGEMENT – NON-RECURRING FUNDS**

- 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 Band; and
- WHEREAS, pursuant to 4 MLBSA § 2, the Chief Executive is empowered to exercise the Executive Branch powers of the Band; and
- WHEREAS, the Band Assembly and Chief Executive have established as a priority the improvement of the spiritual, physical, mental, social, and economic well-being of the people of the Band; and
- WHEREAS, as stated in 11 MLBSA §1(d), the Band is committed to perpetuating commonly held traditional beliefs amongst American Indian people that human beings have a duty to peacefully co-exist within the natural environment, and that human beings further have a natural duty to protect the environment which provides humans beings with life-sustaining natural resources; and
- WHEREAS, wildfires can pose a threat to the health, safety, and property of the Band and its members; and
- WHEREAS, intergovernmental cooperation between the Band and the United States to protect tribal lands from wildfires is in the best interests of the Mille Lacs Band.
- NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Band Assembly and Chief Executive do hereby authorize and approve the Mille Lacs Band Department of Natural Resources to support the national fire effort by entering into the Cooperative Agreement Between Bureau of Indian Affairs and Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe for Wildland Fire Management – Non-recurring Funds.

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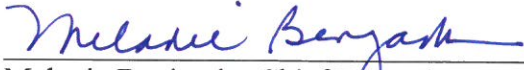
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WE DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing resolution was duly concurred with and adopted at a regular session of the Band Assembly in Legislative Council assembled, a quorum of legislators being present, held on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2016 at Nayahshing, Minnesota by a vote of 3 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.

  
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Carolyn Beaulieu, Speaker of Assembly

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

  
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Melanie Benjamin, Chief Executive

**OFFICIAL SEAL OF THE BAND**