



THE MILLE LACS BAND OF OJIBWE INDIANS

Legislative Branch of Tribal Government

JOINT RESOLUTION 17-01-56-16

**A JOINT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PARTICIPATION AND
IMPLEMENTATION OF THE LAND BUY-BACK PROGRAM FOR TRIBAL NATIONS
AT THE MILLE LACS BAND OF OJIBWE**

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 are interested in having the Band participate in the implementation of the Land Buy-Back Program for Tribal Nations (“Program”) at the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe; and

WHEREAS, the Program is a component of the *Cobell* Settlement that has been purchasing fractional land interests from willing individual sellers since December 2013 to restore land in trust for tribal nations; and

WHEREAS, the Band has access to the Trust Asset and Accounting Management System (“TAAMS”) and is able to generate ownership information and address of owners; and

WHEREAS, the Band acknowledges that the Program may extend offers for fractional land interests on tracts with improvements if a lease is recorded in the Bureau of Indian Affairs (“BIA”) title system and that the improvements themselves will not be acquired but will be considered in determining the fair market value of the underlying tract of land, and that all Program transfers into tribal trust ownership are subject to the terms of the existing leases and encumbrances on the land; and

WHEREAS, the Band acknowledges and requests that the Program include offers for fractional interests on tracts with improvements but without a lease recorded by the BIA, and will provide lease opportunities to individuals living on those tracts.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Band Assembly and Chief Executive hereby authorize the participation and implementation of the Land Buy-Back Program for Tribal Nations at the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Band Assembly and Chief Executive designate the Band’s Director of Real Estate as the point of contact (“POC”) for the Program with the authority to represent the Band during the Band’s participation, and the Band’s Realty Researcher as the alternate point of contact in the event the POC becomes unable to serve.

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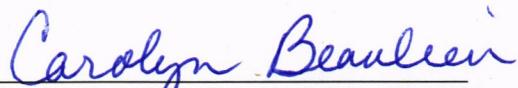
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WE DO HEREBY CERTIFY, that the foregoing resolution was duly concurred with and adopted at a regular session of the Band Assembly in Legislative Council assembled, a quorum of legislators being present held on the 8th day of March, 2016 at Minisinaakwaang, 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 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, set my hand to this resolution.


Melanie Benjamin, Chief Executive

OFFICIAL SEAL OF THE BAND

