



THE MILLE LACS BAND OF
OJIBWE INDIANS

Legislative Branch of Tribal Government

JOINT RESOLUTION 17-01-116-16

**A JOINT RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SUBMISSION OF A
PROPOSAL TO THE NATIVE AMERICAN AGRICULTURE FAST
TRACK FUND FOR THE MILLE LACS BAND OF OJIBWE
INTEGRATED FOOD SYSTEMS PROGRAM**

- 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, according to 3 MLBSA § 2(d), the Band Assembly is empowered 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 Band Assembly and Chief Executive have established as a priority the improvement of spiritual, physical, mental, social and economic well being of the people of the Mille Lacs Band; and
- WHEREAS, the Band Assembly supports the development and sustainable efforts of food sovereignty and production on Minnesota Indian reservations, including the Band and their collaborative partners; and
- WHEREAS, the Band Assembly and Chief Executive recognizes the Band will apply for the Native American Agriculture Fast Track Fund which was established with settlement funds stemming from the *Keepseagle v. Vilsack* federal court decision; and
- WHEREAS, the Band Assembly and Chief Executive confirm that the Band provided agricultural, business, technical or advocacy services to Native American farmers and ranchers prior to November 1, 2010. Specifically,
1. Development of a Band operated vegetable farm on a 220 acre farm.
 2. Support of Band member developing horse ranch and associated farming activities.
 3. Development of community garden programs throughout the three Districts.
 4. Production of hay lands and the sale of hay this include some 400 acres of hay land.
 5. Lease of Band lands and trust lands for agricultural activities involved some 300 to 500 acres annually.

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6. Development of strawberry farm and blueberry farm.

7. Supported Band member in hog production.

These developments were implemented between 1982 and 2001; and

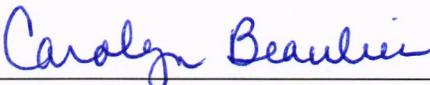
WHEREAS, the Band Assembly and Chief Executive recognize that should the Band receive an award, it will be used solely for the purposes which meet the following three requirements; (a) the purpose provides assistance designed to further Native American farming and ranching activities, in a manner designed to assist individual Native American farmers or ranchers; (b) the purpose is what was set forth in the application for funds; and (c) the purpose is encompassed by Section 170(c)(2)(B) of the Internal Revenue Code. Should the award to the Band be for endowment, income generated from said endowment will be used in perpetuity for purposes meeting the same criteria; and

WHEREAS, the Band Assembly and Chief Executive recognize that should the Band be awarded, the funds will be used as additional funds for the purposes stated in the application; no existing funds will be diverted away from that program if the applied for funds are received.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Band Assembly and Chief Executive do hereby authorize and approve the submission of Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe's Integrated Food Systems Program to the Native American Agriculture Fast Track Fund.

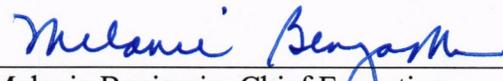
WE DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing resolution was duly concurred with and adopted at a special session of the Band Assembly in Legislative Council assembled, a quorum of legislators being present, held on the 23rd day of June, 2016 at Nayahshing, Minnesota by a vote of 2 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 SILENT.

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

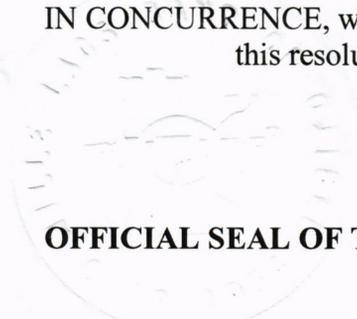


Carolyn Beaulieu, Speaker of Assembly

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



Melanie Benjamin, Chief Executive


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