



THE MILLE LACS BAND OF
OJIBWE INDIANS

Legislative Branch of Tribal Government

JOINT RESOLUTION 17-01-112-16

**A JOINT RESOLUTION SUPPORTING MINNESOTA CHIPPEWA
TRIBE RESOLUTION 27-16**

- WHEREAS, the Mille Lacs Band Assembly (“Band Assembly”) is the duly-elected governing body of the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe (“Mille Lacs Band” or “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 Mille Lacs Band is one (1) of the six (6) Ojibwe 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 of the Band are voting members of the TEC; and
- WHEREAS, on November 9, 2015, the TEC passed Resolution 27-16 requesting the Assistant Secretary of Indian Affairs to revise the list of Federally Recognized Indian Tribes by adding the highlighted phrase in the 2016 Federal Register:

Minnesota Chippewa Tribe, Minnesota (Six component reservations, each of which continues to be separately recognized: Bois Forte Band (Nett Lake); Fond du Lac Band; Grand Portage Band; Leech Lake Band; Mille Lacs Band; White Earth Band); and

- WHEREAS, the Band supports the request to the Assistant Secretary of Indian Affairs to add the highlighted phrase in the 2016 Federal Register in order to clarify the separate recognition of each band of the MCT.

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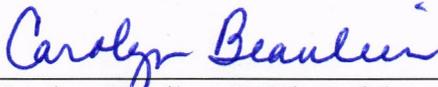
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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Band Assembly and Chief Executive of the Mille Lacs Band hereby supports Minnesota Chippewa Tribe Resolution 27-16 and confirms that the Mille Lacs Band requests the U.S. Department of Interior to clarify the separate recognition of each Band of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe.

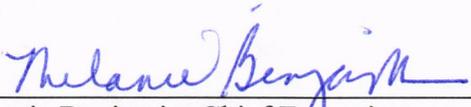
WE DO HEREBY CERTIFY, that the foregoing resolution was duly concurred with and adopted at a special session of the Band Assembly in Legislative Council assembled, a quorum of legislators being present held on the 16th day of June, 2016 at Hinckley, Minnesota by a vote of 2 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 1 SILENT.

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.



Carolyn Beaulieu, Speaker of the 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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