



THE MILLE LACS BAND OF
OJIBWE INDIANS

Legislative Branch of Tribal Government

RESOLUTION 17-01-84-16

A RESOLUTION MANDATING MILLE LACS BAND MEMBER LEGAL AID OFFICE CEASE REPRESENTATION OF INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE CHARGED WITH A FEDERAL DRUG CRIME OR WITH STATE 1ST OR 2ND DEGREE CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE CRIME OR SALE OF DRUG CRIME

- 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 3 MLBSA § 2(b), the Band Assembly has the power to appropriate Band revenue regardless of source; and
- WHEREAS, the Band Assembly has established as a priority the improvement of the spiritual, physical, mental, social, and economic wellbeing of the people of the Band; and
- WHEREAS, the illegal use and sale of drugs within the communities of the Band (“Community”) is a growing problem that makes a negative impact on the Community; and
- WHEREAS, the Band provides financial resources to Band Member Legal Aid (“BMLA”) that provides legal assistance to Band Members; and
- WHEREAS, according to BMLA, thirty (30) of the seventy-seven (77) felony intakes from January 1, 2016 to April 6, 2016, or 39%, were for drug related offenses that include both sale and possession; and
- WHEREAS, the number of people who are using drugs has increased, which has increased the numbers of drug dealing; and
- WHEREAS, drug dealers are preying on people when they are most vulnerable; and
- WHEREAS, the Band Assembly desires a community free from drug use and drug-related activity, and desires that the BMLA no longer defend individuals who create and foster this systemic problem.

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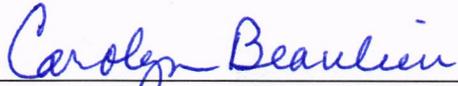
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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Band Assembly hereby mandates that the BMLA office cease new client intake of any Band Member who is charged with a Federal Drug Crime, or with a State First Degree or Second Degree Controlled Substance crime or charged with a sale of drug crime effective on the approval date of this Resolution.

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 26th day of May, 2016 at Hinckley, 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 to be affixed to this resolution.



Carolyn Beaulieu, Speaker of the Assembly



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