



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

JOINT RESOLUTION 17-01-90-16

**JOINT RESOLUTION TO RATIFY THE BANDS' PROPOSED 2016-2017
MINNESOTA 1837 CEDED TERRITORY INTERIM FISHERIES
MANAGEMENT PLAN**

- 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 § 6, 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, the Band and other Chippewa Bands (“Bands”) hold rights to hunt, fish and gather on land and waters ceded in the Treaty of 1837, 7 Stat. 536, which rights were adjudicated by the Federal District Court for the District of Minnesota in *Mille Lacs Band v. State of Minnesota*, No. 3-94-1226, and *Fond du Lac Band v. Carlson*, No. 5-92-159 (“Treaty Litigation”); and
- WHEREAS, the 2015-2016 Fisheries Management Plan will expire on March 31, 2016 and requires the Bands to adopt a new multi-year management plan to be effective commencing on April 1, 2016; and
- WHEREAS, the 2015-2016 Interim Fisheries Management Plan required the Bands to inform the State of Minnesota by the end of 2015 of their proposed changes to the 2015-2016 Interim Fisheries Management Plan that would be adopted into a new plan, and the decisions in the Treaty Litigation required the Bands to inform the State of Minnesota of proposed changes in their conservation codes before making those changes; and
- WHEREAS, all of the Bands discussed and agreed upon proposed changes to the 2015-2016 Interim Fisheries Management Plan that would be adopted in a new fisheries management plan for the years 2016-2017; and

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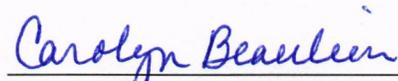
WHEREAS, the Bands have informed the State of Minnesota of these changes as required by the 2016-2017 Interim Fisheries Management Plan and the decisions in the Treaty Litigation, and the State has not objected to them.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Band hereby:

- (1) approves the Bands' Interim Treaty Fisheries Management Plan for the 1837 Minnesota Ceded Territory for the Years 2016-2017; and
- (2) approves the related changes to the Model Code for the Model Off-Reservation Conservation Code for the 1837 Ceded Territory; and
- (3) authorizes its attorney to work with the other Bands and the Great Lakes Indian Fish and Wildlife Commission to ensure that the State of Minnesota is informed of the adoption of the new fisheries management plan as required by the 2016-2017 Interim Fisheries Management Plan and the decisions in the Treaty Litigation.

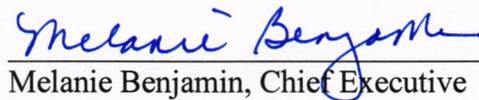
WE DO HEREBY CERTIFY, that the foregoing resolution was duly concurred with and adopted at a special session of the Band Assembly in Legislative Council assembled, a quorum of legislators being present held on the 5th day of May, 2016 at Hinckley, Minnesota by a vote of 3 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 SILENT.

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 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

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