



THE MILLE LACS BAND OF
OJIBWE INDIANS

Legislative Branch of Tribal Government

RESOLUTION 17-01-43-16

**A RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE MINNESOTA CHIPPEWA TRIBE
SECRETARIAL ELECTION FOR ENROLLMENT CHANGES
WITHOUT THE CONSENT OF THE SECRETARY OF INTERIOR**

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, the Band is one (1) of the six (6) Ojibwe Bands forming the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe ("MCT"); and

WHEREAS, the governing bodies of the MCT are the Tribal Executive Committee ("TEC") and Reservation Business Committees of each Ojibwe band that includes the Band Assembly and Chief Executive of the Band; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to 3 MLBSA § 2 (d), the Band Assembly has the power to adopt resolutions to promote the general welfare of the people of the Band; and

WHEREAS, on February 24, 2015, the Band Assembly became aware of a secretarial election request from the TEC to the Secretary of Interior for changes to enrollment; and

WHEREAS, the Band Assembly did not receive a copy of the letter or proposed changes that were submitted to the Secretary of Interior and therefore were not able to provide any comments or feedback; and

WHEREAS, as of today, the Secretary of Interior has not responded to the request; and

WHEREAS, the Band Assembly does not support the TEC moving forward with a secretarial election with the proposed enrollment changes without the Secretary of Interior's consent or approval.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mille Lacs Band Assembly opposes the MCT Secretarial Election for enrollment changes without the consent or approval of the Secretary of Interior; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Band Assembly opposes this and any future secretarial election requests from the TEC to the Secretary of Interior without input and support from all 6 (six) Reservation Business Committees through a formal resolution from each respective band.

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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 4th day of February, 2016 at Chi Minising, 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.


Carolyn Beaulieu, Speaker of Assembly

OFFICIAL SEAL OF THE BAND