



THE MILLE LACS BAND OF OJIBWE INDIANS

Legislative Branch of Tribal Government

JOINT RESOLUTION 17-02-24-17

A JOINT RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT ESTABLISHING A THREE-YEAR COMMITMENT TO FUND ACQUISITION AND OPERATION OF AN ADDICTION TREATMENT 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, pursuant 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, in 2015, Health and Human Services was issued a strong directive by the Elected Leadership to develop improvements in addiction treatment services; and
- WHEREAS, the State of Minnesota, acting through its Department of Human Services, has owned and operated the substance abuse and addiction treatment center located in Brainerd, MN known as Four Winds; and
- WHEREAS, the Four Winds program has operated as a culturally specific Native American program providing addiction treatment services to Mille Lacs Band members and other people of Indian communities for many years; and
- WHEREAS, the State of Minnesota is closing its program and operation of Four Winds effective March 1, 2017. Mille Lacs Band and the state have a shared interest in continuing and furthering the goals and objectives of the Four Winds substance and addiction treatment services to Indian people; and
- WHEREAS, after discussion of the status of the project with the Chief Executive and with Band Assembly, the Commissioner of Health and Human Services submitted a Letter of Intent on July 31, 2015 (See Memorandum, Attachment A). The letter served as the Band’s initial good faith commitment to work with the State of Minnesota Department of Human Services to accomplish a successful transition of the program into Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe ownership by January 1, 2017 (This date has since moved to March 1, 2017); and

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WHEREAS, the Band Assembly and Chief Executive recognize that a culturally specific addiction treatment center owned and operated by the Band would serve to promote and enhance the general welfare of the people; and

WHEREAS, MN DHS has provided funding enabling it to offer a grant to the Band to reimburse the Band for a broad range of expenditures it makes in the acquisition and operation of Four Winds in the amount of \$800,000. A copy of the most recent draft of the State of Minnesota Department of Human Services Tribal Nation Grant Contract is attached as Attachment B; and

WHEREAS, MN DHS owns the land and building/s currently used to operate the Four Winds program and has agreed to lease adequate land and building space to the Band for its intended operation of its treatment program. Lease negotiations are still in progress; and

WHEREAS, the Health and Human Services, by and through its Commissioner, Sam Moose, has submitted a Memorandum (attached to this Resolution) summarizing to date its acquisition initiative and due diligence performed; and

WHEREAS, requesting a resolution of support confirming the Band's commitment to provide the funds necessary to ensure that the Four Winds project can remain viable through the first three start up years.

NOW THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED, that the Mille Lacs Band Assembly and Chief Executive do hereby commit to support the following funding schedule to Health and Human Services for its ownership and operation of an addiction treatment center, now known as Four Winds:

October 1, 2017: \$300,000 (Three hundred thousand and no cents)

October 1, 2018: \$200,000 (Two hundred thousand and no cents)

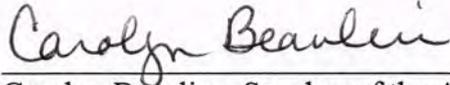
October 1, 2019: \$300,000 (Three hundred thousand and no cents); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that funds requested for year 2017 will be made available to Health and Human Services during the month of January, 2017 for necessary expenditures prior to the operational date of March 1, 2017; and

BE IT FURTHER AND FINALLY RESOLVED, that Band Assembly and the Chief Executive ratify and consent to Health and Human Services entering into a grant contract substantially in the same form as Attachment B.

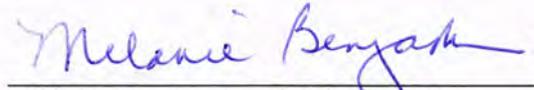
WE DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing resolution was duly concurred with and adopted at a special session of the Band Assembly in Legislative Council, a quorum of legislators being present held on the 29th day of December, 2016 at St. Louis Park, Minnesota by a vote of 3 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 SILENT.

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

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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