



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

JOINT RESOLUTION 17-03-59-17

**A JOINT RESOLUTION AMENDING JOINT RESOLUTION 17-01-56-16
AUTHORIZING THE PARTICIPATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE LAND
BUY-BACK PROGRAM FOR TRIBAL NATIONS AT THE MILLE LACS BAND OF
OJIBWE**

- 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 § 2, the Chief Executive is empowered to exercise the Executive Branch powers of the Band; and
- WHEREAS, the Band Assembly and Chief Executive are interested in having the Band participate in the implementation of the Land Buy-Back Program for Tribal Nations (“Program”) at the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe; and
- WHEREAS, the Program is a component of the *Cobell* Settlement that has been purchasing fractional land interests from willing individual sellers since December 2013 to restore land in trust for tribal nations; and
- WHEREAS, the Band acknowledges that the Program may extend offers for fractional land interests on tracts with improvements if a lease is recorded in the Bureau of Indian Affairs (“BIA”) title system and that the improvements themselves will not be acquired but will be considered in determining the fair market value of the underlying tract of land, and that all Program transfers into tribal trust ownership are subject to the terms of the existing leases and encumbrances on the land; and
- WHEREAS, the Band acknowledges and requests that the Program include offers for fractional interests on tracts with improvements but without a lease recorded by the BIA, and will provide lease opportunities to individuals living on those tracts; and,
- WHEREAS, pursuant to 25 U.S.C. § 2216(e), the Band requests a list of names and mailing addresses of the owners, information on the location of the tracts, and the percentage of undivided interest(s) held by each owner.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Band Assembly and Chief Executive hereby authorize the participation and implementation of the Land Buy-Back Program for Tribal Nations at the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe.

DISTRICT I

43408 Oodena Drive • Onamia, MN 56359
(320) 532-4181 • Fax (320) 532-4209

DISTRICT II

36666 State Highway 65 • McGregor, MN 55760
(218) 768-3311 • Fax (218) 768-3903

DISTRICT IIA

2605 Chimimising Drive • Isle, MN 56342
(320) 676-1102 • Fax (320) 676-3432

DISTRICT III

45749 Grace Lake Road • Sandstone, MN 55072
(320) 384-6240 • Fax (320) 384-6190

URBAN OFFICE

1404 E. Franklin Avenue • Minneapolis, MN 55404
(612) 872-1424 • Fax (612) 872-1257

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Band Assembly and Chief Executive designate the Band's Director of Real Estate as the point of contact ("POC") for the Program with the authority to represent the Band during the Band's participation, and the Band's Recorder as the alternate point of contact in the event the POC becomes unavailable to serve.

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 May, 2017 at Aazhoomog, 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 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

OFFICIAL SEAL OF THE BAND