



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

JOINT RESOLUTION 17-04-07-18

A JOINT RESOLUTION APPROVING A DONATION FROM THE MILLE LACS BAND OF OJIBWE FOUNDATION TO WAADOOKODAAING, AN OJIBWE LANGUAGE IMMERSION SCHOOL IN HAYWARD, WISCONSIN

- 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 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, the Band has established as a priority the improvement of the social and economic conditions and quality of life for the people of the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe; and
- WHEREAS, according to Joint Resolution 14-04-71-11 dated September 27, 2011, Band funds in the former multi-tribal foundation were set aside to form the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe Foundation; and
- WHEREAS, the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe Foundation is a wholly owned foundation of the Band; and
- WHEREAS, the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe Foundation funds continue to be invested and managed by the Minnesota Community Foundation; and
- WHEREAS, the Band’s contact person with the Minnesota Community Foundation is the Band’s Commissioner of Finance; and
- WHEREAS, the Band Assembly and Chief Executive wish to donate fifty thousand dollars and no cents (\$50,000.00) from the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe Foundation to Waadookodaading, an Ojibwe Language Immersion School in Hayward,

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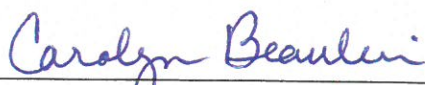
WHEREAS, the Band Assembly and the Chief Executive acknowledge that the aforesaid donation amount is well within the desired six (6%) percent of the average quarterly value of the funds (health, educational, cultural, environmental and economic development purposes) as set forth in Joint Resolution 14-04-71-11 and hereafter require notification of all donation awards to be via Joint Resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Band Assembly and Chief Executive hereby approve a donation in the amount of fifty thousand dollars and no cents (\$50,000.00) to Waadookodaading, an Ojibwe Language Immersion School in Hayward, Wisconsin and acknowledge that such amount is well within the six (6%) percent of the average quarterly value of the funds; and

BE IT FURTHER AND FINALLY RESOLVED, as approved in Joint Resolution 14-04-71-11, the Secretary-Treasurer and Chief Executive shall continue to jointly notify the Minnesota Community Foundation via Joint Resolution of any applications approved by the Chief Executive, Secretary-Treasurer and Band Assembly members and direct the Minnesota Community Foundation to make such grants from the Band's funds held for such purpose.

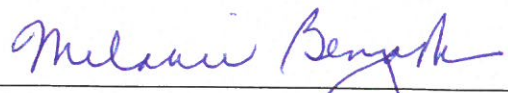
WE DO HEREBY CERTIFY, that the foregoing resolution was duly concurred with and adopted at a regular session of the Band Assembly in Legislative Council assembled, a quorum of legislators being present held on the 5th day of October, 2017 at Vineland, Minnesota by a vote of 3 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 SILENT.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we, the Band Assembly, hereunto cause to have set the signature of the Speaker of the Assembly.



Carolyn Beaulieu, Speaker of 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

OFFICIAL SEAL OF THE BAND



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September 9, 2017

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We greatly appreciate the contribution of \$50,000.00 made from your Community Foundation to Waadookodaading in August of 2016. When we requested the funds, we proposed to spend it to plan for the seventh grade expansion. We are proud to report that we were able to plan for and graduate our first seventh grade class in June 2017. One of our courses was entitled "Anishinaabe leadership" in which students examined the leadership structures of our communities. Students identified leaders, past and present, involved in Big Drum society, Midewiwin, Tribal Government, and language revitalization, and did extensive research and interviewing to learn about leadership in action. These are the types of learning experiences, the result of our cultural focus and our Ojibwe staff, that we are able to provide to our students through your generous support.

Another major development since last summer is the completion of our draft immersion teacher evaluation rubric. In 16 years of language immersion work, Waadookodaading has learned that mainstream measures of teacher performance do not have all the elements necessary to assess the immersion teacher skills. We expect our teachers to be culturally competent, linguistically developing, and versed in immersion teaching methods and general classroom management skills. In July 2016, we hosted elders for a week-long discussion cultural competencies for teachers in Ojibwe language immersion classrooms. The most significant result of these discussions was that the cultural experts agreed that not only should the teachers and students learn cultural competency, but all members of our community should also be knowledgeable in the Ojibwe way.

We are writing again to ask for general operating assistance in the same amount as last year in the amount of \$50,000.00 for our 2017-2018 budget year. Specific planned uses include sponsoring Immersion Teacher Developers for their work in the coming year providing direct observation, lesson planning guidance, and language development to immersion teacher trainees and testing the evaluation rubric. Another important plan for the upcoming year is to provide past graduates of the Waadookodaading school program an Ojibwe language maintenance class, possibly for high school and/or college level credits. These students require a different set of standards than their peers, and we have received direct requests from these now middle and high school students for this course.

We will begin our 2017-2018 school year educating four Mille Lacs Band members and one Mille Lacs Band descendant. We will also host a band member intern in our administrative office, where she will learn the skills particular to language revitalization organization planning. We are excited about the possibilities for growth and sharing with our relatives at Misi-zaaga'iganiing. Miigwech for considering this request. If you have any further questions, I can be reached at the contact information listed above.

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Jason Schlender, Chairman