



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

**JOINT RESOLUTION 18-02-181-18**

**A JOINT RESOLUTION APPROVING THE 2019 MEMBERSHIP INTO  
THE NATIONAL CONGRESS OF AMERICAN INDIANS**

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 (a) and (d), the Band Assembly has the power to enact laws which regulate internal and external affairs of the Band in order to promote the general welfare of the people of the Band, and to adopt resolutions; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to 4 MLBSA § 6, the Chief Executive has the power to exercise the executive powers of Band government; and

WHEREAS, the Band wishes to remain a Member Tribe in good standing of the National Congress of American Indians (“NCAI”); and

WHEREAS, the Band meets all requirements for Tribal Membership pursuant to Article II, Section B(1) of the NCAI Constitution.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mille Lacs Band Assembly hereby authorizes Melanie Benjamin, Chief Executive of the Band, to take the necessary action to place the Band in membership in NCAI; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Band funds in the amount of \$30,000.00 (thirty thousand dollars and no cents), based on the dues schedule under Article III, Section C (2) of the NCAI By-Laws, are authorized for payment for such Tribal Membership in NCAI; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that based on membership of 4,730 persons, as verified by the records of the Band’s Enrollments Office, the Band shall have 150 votes in accordance with Article III, Section B(1)(d) of the NCAI By-Laws; and

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BE IT FURTHER AND FINALLY RESOLVED, that pursuant to Article III, Section B of the NCAI Constitution, the Band designates the following named persons as Delegate and Alternate Delegates, and instructs them to become individual Members in good standing in NCAI in order to fulfill their responsibilities as Official Delegates to the National Congress of American Indians.

**Delegate:** Melanie Benjamin  
**Title:** Chief Executive

Signature: Melanie Benjamin

**Alternate:** Sheldon Boyd  
**Title:** Secretary-Treasurer

Signature: S. Boyd

**Alternate:** Sandra Blake  
**Title:** District I Representative

Signature: Sandra Blake

**Alternate:** Marvin Bruneau  
**Title:** District II Representative

Signature: M. A. Bruneau

**Alternate:** Wallace St. John Sr.  
**Title:** District III Representative

Signature: Wallace St. John Sr.

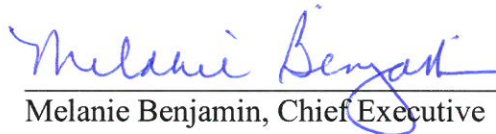
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WE DO HEREBY CERTIFY, that the foregoing resolution was duly concurred with and adopted at regular session of the Band Assembly in Legislative Council assembled, a quorum of legislators being present held on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2018 at Nayahshing, Minnesota by a vote of 2 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.

  
Sheldon Boyd, Speaker of the Assembly

IN CONCURRENCE, with the action of the Speaker of Assembly, I, the Chief Executive have set my hand to this resolution.

  
Melanie Benjamin, Chief Executive

**OFFICIAL SEAL OF THE BAND**