



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

**JOINT RESOLUTION 18-03-36-19**

**A JOINT RESOLUTION APPROVING THE COLLABORATION OF  
MILLE LACS BAND ELDER SERVICES WITH THE NATIONAL  
RESOURCE CENTERS ON NATIVE AGING**

- 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 have established as a priority the improvement of the spiritual, physical, mental, social, and economic wellbeing of the people of the Band; and
- WHEREAS, the Band Assembly and Chief Executive recognize the Band’s Elder Services is required to complete a needs assessment for Title VI Grant continuation funding; and
- WHEREAS, the Band Assembly and Chief Executive recognize Long-term care, a category that includes health promotion, home health services, housekeeping assistance, home delivered meals, skilled nursing care, assisted living, and other in-home services, is an emerging unmet need in Indian Country; and
- WHEREAS, three National Resource Centers (North Dakota, Alaska, Hawaii) have been awarded grants through the Administration on Aging, Department of Health and Human Services, to collaborate and provide technical assistance on the health and social needs of American Indian, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian elderly to assist these groups in conducting a needs assessment which is a requirement for their Administration on Aging Grant; and

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WHEREAS, While working within the constraints of HIPPA the needs assessment is designed to yield information on the following Native elder health care needs:

- General Health Status
- Activities of Daily Living
- Visual, Hearing and Dental
- Tobacco and Alcohol Use
- Nutrition, Exercise and Excess Weight
- Social Support, Housing and Work; and

WHEREAS, in addition to providing technical assistance, the three National Resource Centers on Native Aging are required, by the Older Americans Act, to perform research and disseminate the results of the research; and

WHEREAS, the Three National Centers on Native Aging are asking Tribes throughout the nation to volunteer to participate in a partnership arrangement, to identify the needs of American Indian, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian elders nationwide, in which the resource centers and the Tribe will each assume responsibilities; and

WHEREAS, the Center will provide:

- Needs assessments instruments
- Assistance in sampling
- Training of interviewers
- Consultation with interviewers via email or telephone
- Data entry and analysis
- Data storage
- Production of tables and comparisons with national statistics

WHEREAS, each Tribe will provide:

- A Tribal Resolution documenting participation in the Native elder social and health needs assessment as applicable
- A list of consenting elders to interview
- Interviewers or volunteers to conduct the survey
- Interpretation of the results with local input
- Development of recommendations for actions
- Dissemination of the results to tribal leaders and health officials, and

WHEREAS, the Band Assembly and Chief Executive recognize that summary information for our needs assessment, along with national comparison report from all the needs assessments, will be returned to the governing council and to the local contact person; and

WHEREAS, the Band Assembly and Chief Executive recognize that the confidentiality of enrolled members and Tribal information is of the utmost importance; therefore, the information in this needs assessment will be collected anonymously by tribal members with the information stored at the University of North Dakota School of Medicine & Health Sciences within a locked file cabinet and destroyed after a period of ten years.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Band Assembly and Chief Executive do hereby authorize and approve the participation in the most current Identifying Our Needs: A Survey of Elders; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Band Assembly and Chief Executive grants permission to the North Dakota, Alaska, and Hawaii National Resource Centers on Native Aging to use all collected needs assessment information in aggregate format for the purpose of disseminating state, regional, and national results from analyses of the data; and

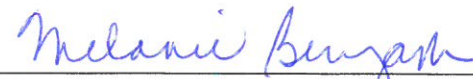
BE IT FURTHER AND FINALLY RESOLVED that specific information collected within the boundaries of the Mille Lacs Band belong to the Band and may not be released in any form to individuals, agencies, or organizations without tribal authorization.

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 February, 2019 at Nayahshing, 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.

  
Sheldon Boyd, Speaker of 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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