



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

JOINT RESOLUTION 19-02-116-20

**A JOINT RESOLUTION MEMORIALIZING THE AUTHORIZATION
GIVEN TO THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE TO INITIATE ACTION
CONFERRING OFFICIAL HONORARY MILLE LACS BAND
MEMBERSHIP ON STEVEN D. TIBBETS**

- 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 MLBS § 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 MLBS § 2, the Chief Executive of the Band is empowered to exercise the Executive Branch powers of the Band; and
- WHEREAS, 1068-MLC-22, codified into 25 MLBS, which authorized the Chief Executive to initiate action conferring official honorary Mille Lacs Band membership on Steven D. Tibbets; and
- WHEREAS, Steven D. Tibbets was the Superintendent at the Cass Lake agency of the Bureau of Indian Affairs (“BIA”) in the early 1980’s; and
- WHEREAS, during the 1980’s, the Band was seeking approval for a three-branch system of government; and
- WHEREAS, the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe (“MCT”) opposed the Band’s transition to a three-branch government and attempted to block BIA funds; and
- WHEREAS, Steven D. Tibbets supported the Band in its transition to a three-branch government over the objections of the MCT.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chief Executive and Band Assembly hereby memorialize the authorization given to the Chief Executive to initiate action conferring official honorary Mille Lacs Band membership on Steven D. Tibbets; and


BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that neither Steven D. Tibbets nor his heirs, by virtue of Mr. Tibbets' honorary membership, shall be eligible for any benefits normally reserved for Band members, to include tribal bonus and per capita payments.

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 16th day of July, 2020 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.


Sheldon Boyd, 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