



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

SECRETARIAL ORDER 44-17

**A SECRETARIAL ORDER AUTHORIZING A FORENSIC AUDIT OF
THE TANF/477 PROGRAM OF THE MILLE LACS BAND OF OJIBWE
BY AN OUTSIDE ACCOUNTING FIRM**

WHEREAS, pursuant to 3 MLBSA § 7(a), the Secretary-Treasurer has the authority and duty to superintend and manage all fiscal operations of the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe (“Band”); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to 3 MLBSA § 7(d) the Secretary-Treasurer has the authority to investigate financial irregularity; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to 3 MLBSA § 7(e), the Secretary-Treasurer has the authority to require the production of books, accounts, documents and property under any lawful inquiry in all things that will aid her in the performance of her duties; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to 3 MLBSA § 7(f), the Secretary-Treasurer has the authority to levy, impound or attach any financial account of the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe or any political subdivision thereof to prevent serious financial jeopardy or acts in violation of law; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to 3 MLBSA § 7(g), the Secretary-Treasurer is authorized to issue Secretarial Orders to implement decisions concerning matters of the fiscal affairs of the Band; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Finance received communication from the BIA Division of Workforce Development regarding improper and illegal use of the Band’s 477/TANF funds; and

WHEREAS, the Secretary-Treasurer believes it is in the best interest of the Band to authorize a forensic audit of the Band’s 477/TANF program by an outside accounting firm to report to the Secretary-Treasurer the existence of any improper or illegal use of program funds; and

WHEREAS, this Order is necessary so as to be able to have and provide accurate information and accounting to the BIA and Office of the Inspector General; and

WHEREAS, the accuracy of recordkeeping and following policy and procedures within the 477/TANF Program is necessary to maintain accurate records of Band financial assets and is within the oversight responsibility of the Secretary-Treasurer.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED, a forensic audit of the 477/TANF Program be immediately conducted by an outside accounting firm; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, Commissioner of Finance Adam Valdez is designated to be responsible for directing and overseeing the audit conducted by the outside accounting firm; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that the Mille Lacs Band Commissioner of Administration, Assistant Commissioner of Administration, Office of Solicitor General, and employees of the Department of Labor/TANF program fully cooperate with the audit; and further safeguard and maintain any and all financial documents and records to prevent their destruction and/or loss; and

BE IT FURTHER AND FINALLY ORDERED, that the Office of the Solicitor General cease its internal investigation.

Dated this 21st day of September, 2017.



Carolyn Beaulieu, Secretary-Treasurer

Effective Date: September 21, 2017

Expiration Date: December 31, 2017

OFFICIAL SEAL OF THE BAND