



THE MILLE LACS BAND OF  
**OJIBWE INDIANS**

*Legislative Branch of Tribal Government*

**Secretarial Order 001-98**

**A Secretarial Order Attaching and Impounding Certain Funds of the Executive Branch**

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

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

WHEREAS, the vote on the motion to ratify the nomination of Lester Morris as the Commissioner of Community Development by a quorum of the Band Assembly failed on Friday January 23, 1998; and

WHEREAS, on February 13, 1998 the Chief Executive issued Executive Order 123-98 appointing Lester Morris as the "Acting" Commissioner of Community Development; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order 123-98 does not cite any statutory authority nor can I find any statutory authority that allows for the appointment of an "Acting" Commissioner of Community Development without the consent of the Band Assembly by Executive Order; and

WHEREAS, the appointment of an "Acting" Commissioner of Community Development by Executive Order without the consent of the Band Assembly is in violation of the law and jeopardizes the financial integrity of the Band.

THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED that the Office of Management and Budget is prohibited from processing any document or from reviewing any contract which bears the signature of Lester Morris as an Executive Officer as defined in 4 MLBSA § 7.

IT IS FURTHER AND FINALLY ORDERED that any accounts that Lester Morris managed or had signature authority over are no longer accessible to him.

Dated this 20th day of February, 1998.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David G. Matrious".

David G. Matrious  
Secretary-Treasurer

Effective Date: February 20, 1998

Expiration Date: Upon the Confirmation of a Commissioner of Community Development by the Band Assembly.

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