

Legislative Branch of Tribal Government

LEGISLATIVE ORDER 32-21

A LEGISLATIVE ORDER ADOPTING BAND ASSEMBLY RECORDKEEPING **PROCEDURES**

- WHEREAS, 3 MLBS § 2(a) outlines the various authorities and duties conferred upon the Non-Removable Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe Band Assembly ("Band Assembly"); and
- WHEREAS, pursuant to 3 MLBS § 6(a)(3), the Speaker of the Assembly is responsible to "require the prompt recording of the Assembly's acts and deeds[;]" and
- WHEREAS, pursuant to 3 MLBS § 10, the Clerk of the Band Assembly is obligated to "record all official minutes of the proceedings of the Band Assembly" and such minutes "shall be prima facie evidence of the facts stated therein in the Court of Central Jurisdiction and any other court of competent jurisdiction[;]" and
- WHEREAS, pursuant to 3 MLBS § 27(a), the Band Assembly "may issue Legislative Orders on any subject matter within the Legislative Branch of government pursuant to authority conferred by this Title and the Constitution of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe[;]" and
- WHEREAS, pursuant to 3 MLBS § 27(c), the "Clerk of the Band Assembly shall be responsible for safe keeping of original copies of all Legislative Orders[;]" and
- WHEREAS, the Band Assembly has not yet promulgated any recordkeeping procedures designed for the preservation and accessibility of all approved bills, ordinances, minutes, and resolutions ("Records");
- NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED, that the Clerk of the Band Assembly shall store, or cause to be stored, all Records, heretofore or hereafter approved, in addition to any other pertinent documents that have been presented to the Band Assembly for review or approval, in a digital medium that is accessible to Legislative Branch elected officials, staff members, and employees.
- BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that any digital medium used to store and preserve records shall be organized in a manner that is easily navigable by any Legislative Branch elected official, staff member, or employee.
- BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that the Clerk of the Band Assembly shall store and maintain, within the offices of the Band Assembly, the original copies of all Records, heretofore or hereafter approved, for a period of 20 fiscal years after their approval.

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- BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that the Clerk of the Band Assembly is authorized to archive, but may not destroy, any original copy of a Record that was approved more than 20 years prior.
- BE IT FURTHER AND FINALLY ORDERED, that original copies of any signed documents that are not considered Records in accordance with this Legislative Order, but which have nevertheless been designed to protect or preserve the legal interests of the Non-Removable Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe, shall be stored by Legislative Counsel in a safe, secure, and reasonable manner for a period of no less than 20 years.
- WE DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing legislative order was duly concurred with and adopted at a special session of the Band Assembly in Legislative Council assembled, a quorum of legislators being present, held on May 5, 2021, at Nayahshing, Minnesota by a vote of 2 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 SILENT.

DATED, at Vineland, Minnesota, from within the sovereign territory of the Non-Removable Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe, this 5th day of May, 2021.

Effective Date: May 5, 2021

Sheldon Boyd, Speaker of the Assembly

Marvin Bruneau, District 2 Representative

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Virgil Wind, District 1 Representative

Vallace St. John. District & Representative

APPROVED AS TO FORM, EXECUTION, AND NUMBERING:

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