

# Mille Lacs Band Statutes Annotated

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## TITLE 25 - OFFICIAL RECOGNITION

### CHAPTER 1

#### STEVEN D. TIBBETTS

##### Section

1. Findings.
2. Recognition.
3. Honorary membership.

##### Historical and Statutory Notes

The Preamble of Band Statute 1068-MLC-22 provides:

"It is enacted by the Band Assembly of the Non-Removable Mille Lacs Band of Chippewa Indians for the purpose of conferring official recognition upon Steven D. Tibbetts."

Band Statute 1068-MLC-22, § 3 provides: "Section 3. Notification to the United States of America. That the Chief Executive is hereby authorized and directed to transmit an official copy of this statute to the Secretary of Interior of the United States of America for the purpose of inserting this statute into the official records of the Bureau of Indian Affairs."

##### § 1. Findings.

The Band Assembly hereby declares:

- (a) That Steven D. Tibbetts from Ga-sa-ga-sh-gwa-chi-me-ga-g has made a significant contribution toward advancing the self-determination efforts of the Non-Removable Mille Lacs Band of Chippewa Indians.
- (b) That Steven D. Tibbetts while serving in a position of responsibility for the United States of America supported

and enhanced the principle that resources and obligations of tribal self-government need to be nurtured and encouraged between the a-nish-a-na-beg and their elected leadership and that this relationship is critical in the goal of a tribal government, of the people, for the people and by the people.

(c) That Steven D. Tibbetts, while serving in a position of responsibility for the United States of America demonstrated great courage and integrity by expressing and performing his official responsibility in a manner which honors the commitment of the United States to uphold its treaty obligations which are the supreme law of the United States of America.

(d) That Steven D. Tibbetts, while serving in a position of responsibility for the United States of America, sought to boldly implement the Indian Policy of President Reagan by initiating actions which removed obstacles in self-government and by creating a more favorable environment for the conduct of diplomatic relations between the government of the Non-Removable Mille Lacs Band of Chippewa Indians and the government of the United States of America.

(e) That Steven D. Tibbetts, while serving in a position of responsibility for the United States of America, was confronted with adversity and in the face of many obstacles admirably performed his lawful duty in the interests of enhanced government to government relations.

(f) That Steven D. Tibbetts, is one who has demonstrated his commitment to the people of the constituent Bands of the Non-Removable Mille Lacs Band of Chippewa Indians and is therefore deserving of official recognition by and through an official act of the Band Assembly.

#### **Historical and Statutory Notes**

**Source:** Band Statute 1068-MLC-22, §1.

## **§ 2. Recognition**

To all who shall see these presents, Greeting: The Band Assembly for the Non-Removable Mille Lacs Band of Chippewa Indians hereby certifies that Steven D. Tibbetts

of Ga-sa-ga-sh-gwa-chi-me-ga-g has executed and fulfilled the duties of the office of Acting Superintendent of the Minnesota Agency of the Bureau of Indian Affairs of the United States Department of Interior during the period of June 26, 1983 through March 24, 1984, in a fair, impartial, honorable and profoundly respectful manner.

**Historical and Statutory Notes**

**Source:** Band Statute 1068-MLC-22, §2.

**§ 3. Honorary membership**

The Bad Assembly hereby authorizes and empowers the Chief Executive to initiate action which confers official honorary membership upon Steven D. Tibbetts in the Non-Removable Mille Lacs Band of Chippewa Indians, with Steven D. Tibbetts to have and to hold said membership, with all rights, privileges, responsibilities and emoluments to the same of right appertaining during his natural lifetime.

**Historical and Statutory Notes**

**Source:** Band Statute 1068-MLC-22, §2.01

