



**THE MILLE LACS BAND OF
OJIBWE INDIANS**

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CERTIFICATE OF CORRECTNESS

WHEREAS, on March 15, 2020, the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe Band Assembly (“Band Assembly”) approved, and the Chief Executive signed into law, Ordinance 27-20, providing for the emergency management of the Non-Removable Mille Lacs Band of Chippewa Indians and establishing Title 27 (Emergency Management) of the Mille Lacs Band Statutes (“MLBS”); and

WHEREAS, on September 19, 2020, the Band Assembly approved, and the Chief Executive signed into law, Ordinance 60-20, appending Title 27 with procedures for the Band’s approval of Coronavirus Relief Funds; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to 4 MLBS § 18(e), the Solicitor General is responsible to “certify to the ordinances of Band government and codify said ordinances into Band Statutes[;]” and

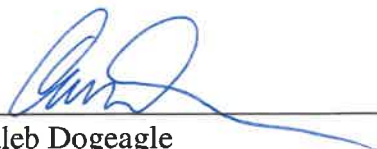
WHEREAS, Band statutes do not currently provide any additional guidelines or requirements on how Band ordinances should be codified into Band statutes;” and

WHEREAS, according to MINN. STAT. 3C.11 (2019), the State of Minnesota Revisor’s Office issues certificates of correctness after comparing any amended sections of state statutes with previous editions as a method of ensuring that the law is properly reflected in statutes available to the public;

NOW, THEREFORE, as the Band’s Solicitor General, I hereby attest to having compared the enclosed version of Title 27 with any previous versions and certify as to the correctness of the enclosed version.

Enclosures

1. Title 27 – Emergency Management
2. Ordinance 27-20
3. Ordinance 60-20


Caleb Dogeagle
Solicitor General

OFFICIAL SEAL OF THE BAND



Ordinance 27-20

An Ordinance to provide for the emergency management of the Non-Removable Mille Lacs Bands of Chippewa Indians.

The Band Assembly introduced the following Bill on March 15, 2020.

It is enacted by the Band Assembly of the Non-Removable Mille Lacs Bands of Chippewa Indians,

Section 1. Short Title

This act shall be cited as the "Emergency Management Act".

Section 2. Establishment of Title 27

- (a) The Band Assembly establishes Title 27 within the Mille Lacs Band Statutes Annotated, which will be titled "Emergency Management".
- (b) The following is added to Title 27:

Section 1. Findings

The Band Assembly finds it necessary to:

- (a) confer upon the Chief Executive all emergency management powers;
- (b) establish an emergency operations plan for the protection of public health, life, property, and general well-being adequate to cope with disasters resulting from natural and man-made causes;
and
- (c) provide for the coordination of all emergency management functions with comparable functions of the federal, state, and local units of government and of private agencies.

Section 2. Definitions

As used in this Title:

- (a) "Emergency or disaster" means an event or set of circumstances which:

- (1) demands immediate action to protect public health, life, and property; or
 - (2) reaches such degree of destructiveness as to warrant the Chief Executive declaring a state of emergency.
- (b) "Public place" means any location that the Band government maintains for the use of the public under the territorial jurisdiction of the Band.

Section 3. Authorities of the Chief Executive

At all times other than a state of emergency, the Chief Executive is authorized to:

- (a) establish a Tribal Emergency Response Committee, which will consist of Executive Officers and any other officials or individuals the Chief Executive deems necessary to meet the demands of the emergency or disaster;
- (b) prepare and maintain a comprehensive emergency operation plan and to coordinate preparations of the emergency operations plan and programs by the political subdivisions of the Band; and
- (c) institute training programs and public information programs and to take all necessary preparatory actions, including the mobilization of the Mille Lacs Tribal Police Department in advance of actual emergency or disaster.

Section 4. Declaration of State of Emergency

In event of an emergency or disaster, the Chief Executive is authorized to declare a state of emergency through the issuance of an executive order. Once the Chief Executive has declared a state of emergency and until termination of the state of emergency, the Chief Executive, or the Tribal Emergency Response Committee acting on behalf of the Chief Executive, may:

- (a) provide resources and services necessary to avoid or minimize harm to health, life, and property;
- (b) enter into agreements with the federal government and government of the State of Minnesota for the receipt of public assistance funds and coordinate such agreements between the political subdivisions of the Band;
- (c) procure supplies and equipment;

- (d) reallocate funds already appropriated to political subdivisions of the executive branch as reasonably necessary to meet the needs of the emergency or disaster; and
- (e) prohibit any number of persons from assembling or gathering on or at any public place.

Section 5. Termination of State of Emergency

Any state of emergency declared by the Chief Executive shall terminate if:

- (a) the Chief Executive issues an executive order terminating the emergency; or
- (b) the Band Assembly issues a resolution terminating the emergency.


Section 6. Accountability and Reporting

- (a) The Chief Executive will provide periodic updates to the Band Assembly regarding the status of an emergency or disaster as needed, requested, or available.
- (b) The Chief Executive and the Tribal Emergency Response Committee will provide the Band Assembly with the minutes of Tribal Emergency Response Committee meetings within one week after such meetings.
- (c) The Chief Executive will provide to the Band Assembly, at monthly intervals after such declaration, a report on the total expenditures incurred by the Band government during the preceding monthly interval which are directly attributable to the exercise of powers and authorities conferred by such declaration. Within one month after the termination of an emergency, the Chief Executive will provide a final report to the Band Assembly on all such expenditures.

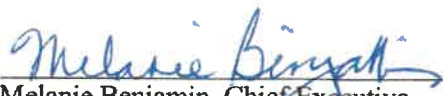
Ordinance 27-20
(Band Assembly Bill 19-01-27-20)

Introduced by the Band Assembly on this
Fifteenth day of March in the year
Two thousand twenty.

Passed by the Band Assembly on this
Fifteenth day of March in the year
Two thousand twenty.


Sheldon Boyd, Speaker of the Assembly

APPROVED
Date: March 15, 2020


Melanie Benjamin, Chief Executive

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Ordinance 60-20

An Ordinance appending Title 27 (Emergency Management), authorizing the Commissioner of Finance to take certain actions on behalf of the Band pertaining to the receipt of federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act funding.

The District I Representative introduced the following Bill on the 19th day of September, 2020.

Preamble

It is enacted by the Band Assembly of the Mille Lacs Bands of Ojibwe for the purpose of appending Title 27 (Emergency Management) to authorize the Commissioner of Finance to take certain actions on behalf of the Band pertaining to the receipt of federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act funding.

SECTION 1.

Title 27 (Emergency Management) is appended to add the following responsibilities and authorities of the Commissioner of Finance, to be sectioned as Title 27 § 7:

Section 7. Coronavirus Relief Funds.

- (a) The Commissioner of Finance is directed to report to the Band Assembly on expenditures incurred due to Coronavirus Disease 2019. Such reports will include, but not be limited to:
- (1) the total amount of payments from the Coronavirus Relief Fund received from the United States Department of the Treasury;
 - (2) the amount of funds received that were expended or obligated for each project or activity;
 - (3) a detailed list of all projects or activities for which funds were expended or obligated, including the name of the project or activity; a description of the project or activity; and detailed information on any loans issued, contracts and grants awarded, transfers made to other government entities, and direct payments made by the Band that are greater than \$50,000.
- (b) Upon the Band Assembly's formal or informal acceptance of such reports, the Commissioner of Finance is authorized to submit such reports to the United States Department of the Treasury to certify that the contents of such reports are true, accurate, and complete. The Commissioner of Finance shall also submit a copy of the report to the Chief Executive.

Ordinance 60-20
(Band Assembly Bill 19-02-60-20)

Introduced to the Band Assembly on this
Nineteenth day of September in the year
Two thousand twenty.

Passed by the Band Assembly on this
Nineteenth day of September in the year
Two thousand twenty.


Sheldon Boyd, Speaker of the Assembly

APPROVED

Date: September 19, 2020


Melanie Benjamin, Chief Executive

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