



# THE MILLE LACS BAND OF OJIBWE INDIANS

*Legislative Branch of Tribal Government*

## JOINT SESSION OF THE BAND ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 22-01-04-26

### A RESOLUTION APPOINTING AN ELECTION COURT OF APPEALS JUDGE FOR THE 2026 MINNESOTA CHIPPEWA TRIBE ELECTION ON THE MILLE LACS RESERVATION

WHEREAS, the Mille Lacs Band Assembly ("Band Assembly") is the duly elected legislative body of the Non-Removable Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe ("Band"), a federally recognized Indian Tribe; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to 3 MLBS § 3(d), the Band Assembly is empowered to adopt resolutions; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to 4 MLBS § 6, the Chief Executive has the power to exercise the executive powers of Band government; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Executive Committee of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe ("MCT") adopted a revised Election Ordinance on December 16, 2025; and

WHEREAS, Section 3.4(A) of the Election Ordinance establishes an "MCT Tribal Election Court of Appeals ('Court')," which is "comprised of a person named by each of the six Bands ('Judge'), chosen as determined by the Band. The Judge representing the Band from which the appeal is taken must be recused from sitting on that matter. In all cases, there shall be five (5) members of the Court."

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Ryan Simafranca is hereby appointed as an MCT Election Court of Appeals Judge to perform all lawful duties as expressed by the Election Ordinance.

WE DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing resolution was duly concurred with and adopted at a Joint Session of the Band Assembly in Legislative Chambers, a quorum of elected officials being present, held on the 21st day of January, 2026, at Nayahshing, Minnesota, by a vote of 5 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 SILENT.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we, the Joint Session of the Band Assembly, hereunto cause to have set the signature of the Speaker of the Assembly to be affixed to this resolution.

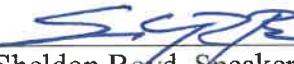
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