

# Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Reservation Business Committee

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RESOLUTION # 1421/10

## DECLARATION OF THE OJIBWE LANGUAGE AS THE OFFICIAL LANGUAGE OF THE FOND DU LAC BAND

The Fond du Lac Reservation Business Committee, on behalf of the Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa, hereby enacts the following Resolution:

Chairwoman  
**Karen R. Diver**

Secretary/Treasurer  
**Ferdinand Martineau, Jr.**

Dist. I Representative  
**Wally Dupuis**

Dist. II Representative  
**Sandra M. Shabiash**

Dist. III Representative  
**Mary S. Northrup**

Executive Director,  
Tribal Programs  
**Chuck Walt**

WHEREAS, the Fond du Lac Reservation is a sovereignty, created by the Treaty of September 30, 1854, 10 Stat. 1109, as the permanent home of the Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa, which possesses the inherent jurisdiction and authority to exercise regulatory control within the boundaries of the Fond du Lac Reservation; and

WHEREAS, it is the sovereign obligation of the Fond du Lac Reservation Business Committee, as Governing Body of the Fond du Lac Band under the Indian Reorganization Act, 25 U.S.C. § 461 et seq., and in accordance with the Indian Self Determination Act, 25 U.S.C. § 450 et seq., to assume the responsibilities of self government; and

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of the Reservation Business Committee to promote and protect the health, safety, and general welfare of the Fond du Lac Band; and

WHEREAS, the Reservation Business Committee recognizes that many indigenous languages have vanished or are in danger of disappearing if they are not preserved or promoted; and

WHEREAS, the Reservation Business Committee further recognizes that the Ojibwe language is in danger of disappearing; and

WHEREAS, the Reservation Business Committee supports the promotion and enhancement of efforts to preserve Ojibwe language and culture;

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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Fond du Lac Reservation Business Committee hereby declares the Ojibwe language to be the official language of the Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Reservation Business Committee shall continue to actively support efforts to preserve Ojibwe language and culture through appropriate community and educational programs.

**CERTIFICATION**

We do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly presented and acted upon by a vote of 2 for, 0 against, 0 silent, with a quorum of 3 being present at a Special Meeting of the Fond du Lac Reservation Business Committee held on December 7 2010 on the Fond du Lac Reservation.

Karen R. Diver  
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Chairwoman

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