

LEECH LAKE RESERVATION BUSINESS COMMITTEE
RESOLUTION NO. 91-08

RE: Tribal participation in U.S. Government wetland programs.

WHEREAS, the Leech Lake Band of Chippewa is a federally recognized Indian Tribe located in Minnesota; and

WHEREAS, the Leech Lake Reservation Business Committee wishes to develop areas of the reservation to support sound wetlands conservation principles; and

WHEREAS, the Leech Lake Reservation Business Committee has developed a professional wetlands conservation proposal to coordinate this activity with the North American Wetlands Conservation Initiative; and

WHEREAS, the North American Wetlands Conservation Act (P.L. 101-233) requires that the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service must support wetlands conservation management through international partnership arrangements; and

WHEREAS, the Leech Lake Reservation Business Committee has requested funding for the Leech Lake River Flood Plain Restoration individually and collectively through the Native American Fish & Wildlife Society Tribal Initiative for Fisheries and Wildlife Management Projects by Native American governments to establish a management partnership with the North American Wetlands Initiative; and

WHEREAS, the Leech Lake Reservation Business Committee believes that the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service shares the federal trust responsibility as identified under the amendment to P.L. 93-638 Indian Self-Determination Act, which provides a mechanism for funding Tribal Wetlands Conservation Projects via a direct contracting procedure with Tribal Governments; and

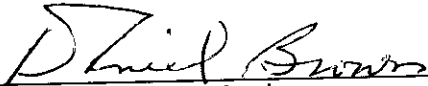
WHEREAS, the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service currently has the professional expertise and Congressional direction to conduct the Wetlands Conservation program, so

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Leech Lake Reservation Business Committee, requests that the Secretary of Interior develop a contracting mechanism to transfer funds through the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service directly to Tribal Governments for the purposes of conducting the wetlands conservation management projects as previously submitted to the House and Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Interior and related agencies; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the administrative costs for the transfer of funds to the Tribe be patterned in principle on the current Federal Aid to State programs and should remain at less than three percent (3%); and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Leech Lake Reservation Business Committee, requests that in order to protect this program for future Tribal projects that the provision included in the Wetlands Conservation Act (P.L.101-233) to allow "an ex-officio appointment to the Council for a Tribal representative" be enacted and filled by the (Executive Director of the Native American Fish & Wildlife Society) through an appointment by the Secretary of the Interior.

We do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted by a vote of 3 for and 0 against, at a Special Meeting of the Leech Lake Reservation Business Committee, a quorum being present, held on July 30, 1990, at Cass Lake, Minnesota.



Daniel Brown, Chairman
LEECH LAKE RESERVATION BUSINESS COMMITTEE



James Michaud, Secretary/Treasurer
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