

# Leech Lake Band Of Ojibwe

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## LEECH LAKE RESERVATION TRIBAL COUNCIL RESOLUTION NO. 2009-156

### STYROFOAM USE AND WASTE POLICY

**WHEREAS**, Article I, section of the Revised Constitution and Bylaws of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe, approved by the Assistant Secretary of the Interior on March 3, 1964; empowers the Tribe "to conserve and develop Tribal resources and to promote the conservation and development of the individual Indian trust property, to promote the general welfare of the members of the Tribe; (and) to preserve and maintain justice for its members; and

**WHEREAS**, Article III, Section 2 provides for the establishment of the Reservation Business Committee of the Leech Lake Band to serve as the governing body of the Leech Lake Reservation. The Reservation Business Committee is also known as the Reservation Tribal Council (hereafter "Tribal Council"); and

**WHEREAS**, the authority of the Tribal Council extends to the boundaries of the Leech Lake Reservation and the Territories ceded by the Treaties of 1937 and 1855 where hunting, fishing, ricing and gathering rights were reserved to the Leech Lake Band and its members; and

**WHEREAS**, the Leech Lake Reservation Tribal Council, through its advisory council the Green Team, is responsible for sustainability, reduction of wasteful activities, and "green" alternatives to current operations within the Leech Lake government; and

**WHEREAS**, the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe have made a commitment to "green and sustainable"; and

**WHEREAS**, one of the most persistent problems for recycling and disposal is the pervasive use of Styrofoam based materials such as cups, plates, food trays, etc.; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the goal of the Reservation Tribal Council that the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe shall be Styrofoam-free by October 1, 2010; and


**WHEREAS**, it is important to the culture and well-being of tribal members that we manage our resources and limit the use of single use products to decrease our tonnage fees and the environmental costs beyond the landfill;

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**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that it is the direction of the Reservation Business Council that all Divisions, Departments and Programs of the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe will undertake all possible efforts to reduce and/or eliminate the use of Styrofoam based materials within the work place or program areas/activities and replace them with items made for permanent use or can be recycled when disposed of.

#### CERTIFICATION

We do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted by a vote of 4 for and 0 against at a Special meeting of the Leech Lake Reservation Tribal Council, a quorum being present, held on April 23, 2009, at Cass Lake, Minnesota.

  
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