

**MnDOT
Context Sensitive Solutions (CSS)
Forum**

Tribal Government Consultation

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Legal Consultation Requirements

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ØNAGPRA

ØExecutive Order 12875- *Tribal Governance*

ØExecutive Order 12898- *Environmental Justice*

ØExecutive Order 13007- *Sacred Sites*

ØExecutive Order 13084- Consultation and
Coordination with Indian Tribal Governments

ØExecutive Order 13175- Consultation with
Indian Tribal Governments

ØPresidential Memorandum-November 5, 2009

Recognize Tribal Expertise



The Missing Piece?

American Indian

&

Tribal Government

Education

American Indians

“It is impossible to understand American Indians in their contemporary setting without first gaining some knowledge of their history as it has been formed and shaped by the Indian experience with Western civilization.”

Vine Deloria, Jr, 1984

Walk a Mile in Our Moccasins

"You never really understand a person until you consider things from his point of view - until you climb into his skin and walk around in it."

spoken by Atticus Finch, *To Kill a Mockingbird*.




Mary Lyons, Leech Lake Ojibwe Artist
(proprietary design - please do not copy)



Mary Lyons & Daughter
Leech Lake Ojibwe
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“Standing vrs *Walking*”


 ***Standing in someone's shoes is perspective taking***

 ***Walking a mile gives you the weariness, joys, dangers of another's journey, or empathy.***

TRIBES OF THE INDIAN NATION



Indian removal

 **Began** with pressure of white settlements by the late 1700s

- Voluntary to escape conflict with white settlers and government agents

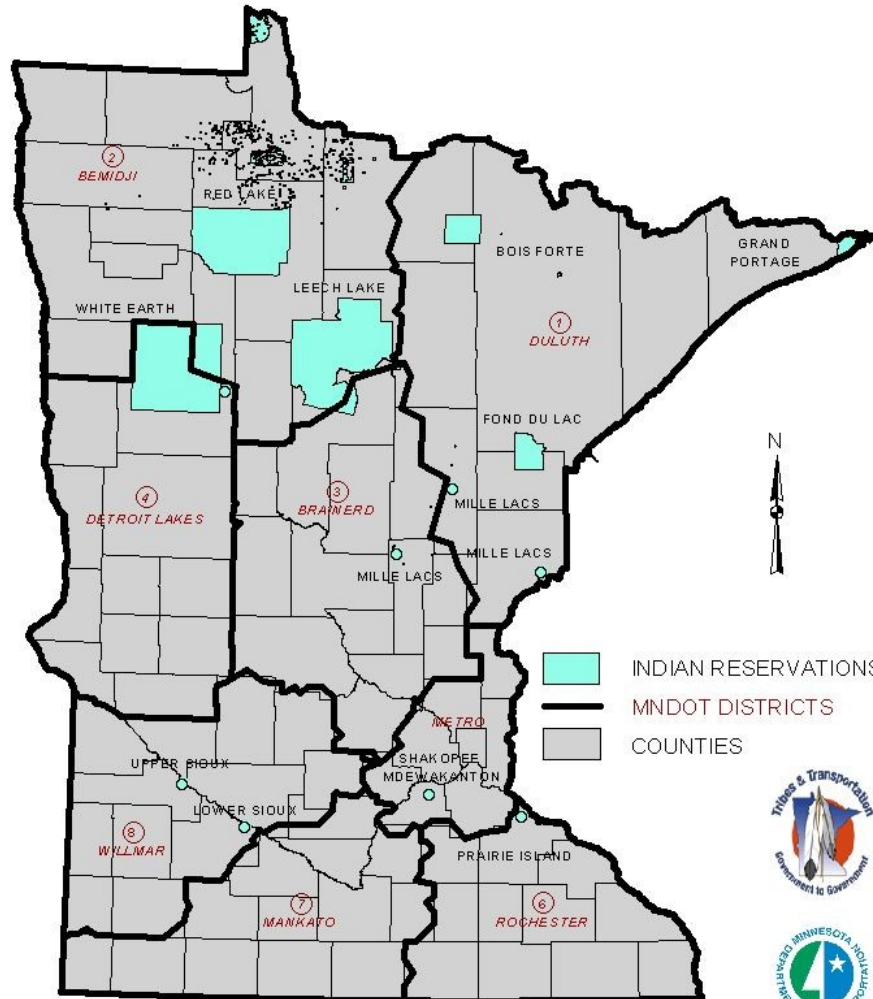
 **Continued** with the 1830 act of Congress

- government agents carried out forced removals.

Minnesota Land Cession Treaties



MINNESOTA INDIAN RESERVATIONS



Americanization Policy – 1860s

- **Centralizing Indians on Reservations**
- **Separate Indians from their traditional lands and communal living**
- **Eradicate Native cultures**
- **Civilize the Indian by**
 - **Going to School**
 - **Joining the Christian church**
 - **Learning to Farm**

**How did Government attempt to
“Americanized” or “Civilized”
Indians?**

The Children



Granddaughters of Mary Lyons
Leech Lake Ojibwe

Boarding Schools

- **Some were forcibly taken from parents**
- **Mandatory laws – through coercion**
- **Quotas from Reservations**
- **Persuade parents – “Best Interest”**

Boarding School Babies



Civilization Process

- **Received Haircuts**
- **School uniforms**
- **English names**
- **Forbidden to speak native language**
- **Forbidden to practice native religion**
- **Forbidden to practice culture**
- **Military discipline – strict routine**

“Kill the Indian –



Save the Man”

Capt. Richard

Pratt, Carlisle's Founder

Tragedy & Memorial



I AM NATIVE AMERICAN

Carlisle Indian Industrial School, ca. 1890



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THEY COULDN'T CHANGE IT

“I have always said that the Native American Indian is so ingenious and inventive, Making use of what nature offered them and I think that is why we are still here.”

**Mel Losh, Anishinaabe
Leech Lake Reservation**



Katherine E. Nash Gallery

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Education for MN State Agencies

- State & American Indians Educators partnering to create education on:

Context & History, Legal, Culture,

Current Day Reality, Agency Specific Training

- State Agencies will have a better understanding of the history & relationships with American Indians
- Better prepared for Tribal Consultation with Tribes

Consult: seek advice from

Maintaining our individual dignity while pursuing harmony with our brother takes an eagle's strength, but great are the rewards for all who are willing to walk a mile in another's moccasins. Lisa Danielle

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THANK YOU!
MiiGwetch (Ojibwe)
Pidamaya (Dakota)

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