



Resolution Duly Approved by the  
Métis Nation-Saskatchewan  
Provincial Métis Council on January 13, 2019  
**#190113-03**

### **Health Research**

**WHEREAS** the Métis Nation-Saskatchewan (MN-S) moves forward, it is important to determine the health status of Métis people, using indicators of health developed specifically by Métis people, and to develop strategies that improve the health of Métis people that are based in Métis culture and values;

**WHEREAS** health statistics for Métis in Saskatchewan are unknown due to a lack of data collection regarding Métis health in the province. Dr. Caroline Tait, along with her team with People First, First Person at University of Saskatchewan, along with the MN-S, are working collaboratively determining emerging research areas in Saskatchewan to build capacity for data collection, for further in-depth research to influence improvements for health service delivery and overall improved health and wellness for Métis citizens;

**WHEREAS** the MN-S has also recently developed a provincial Métis governance model that covers all areas of research. The model is grounded in the values of Métis people, is distinct from research governance models for First Nations, and will be utilized by communities across the province. There are excellent opportunities for synergies between the work. Dr. Tait's team has established research and knowledge translation priorities, and is engaging Métis stakeholders across the province in community-based and community-driven health research; and

**WHEREAS** the timing to collaborate with Dr. Tait is ideal for the MN-S, as we are currently in the process of developing our own provincial health strategy in consultation with our community, as well as participating in the development of the National Métis Health Strategy;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Ministry of Health for the MN-S encourages that all community-based research connected to health outcomes be shared with the Ministry of Health to ensure that the research is in alignment with MN-S health priorities;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that with respect to health research grant opportunities, that the Ministry of Health be consulted about current priority areas, to ensure grant processes from provincial and federal programs are consistent with MN-S priorities; and

**BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED** that the intention of this process is to eliminate overlap of interests or competing for resources within the MN-S.

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**Dated this 13<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2019**

**Moved by:** Marg Friesen, Eastern Region 3

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