



Resolution Duly Approved by the  
Métis Nation-Saskatchewan  
Provincial Métis Council on June 8, 2020  
**#200608-07**

**Affirming Saskatchewan's Recognition of the MN-S as  
Government of the Métis in Saskatchewan**

That the Métis Nation-Saskatchewan (MN-S) Provincial Métis Council supports the Government of Saskatchewan fully respecting the MN-S as the duly constituted government of Métis in Saskatchewan and Métis Section 35 rights;

**WHEREAS** the Government of Saskatchewan repeatedly refuses to engage with the MN-S on matters associated with the Métis Section 35 rights, including the Crown's duty to consult, Métis and MN-S land rights and claims;

**WHEREAS** the Government of Saskatchewan, in a letter dated May 1, 2020, to President McCallum from Minister of Environment Duncan, stated that the government of Saskatchewan does not recognize the asserted Aboriginal title, and related land and resource rights of Métis in Saskatchewan, and instead relies on its antiquated and ill-informed "First Nations and Métis Consultation Policy Framework" (June 2010), to justify its dishonourable and illegal position and behaviour;

**WHEREAS** the Government of Saskatchewan refuses to engage with the MN-S on a government-to-government basis and continues to do either nothing to support, or in some instances even obstruct, MN-S initiatives including gaining greater certainty over Métis harvesting rights, a settlement of the Île-à-la-Crosse Boarding School matter, the COVID-19 crisis, and proper Crown consultation on projects that affect Métis Section 35 rights, among many other issues; and

**WHEREAS** the MN-S seeks to support and safeguard Métis Section 35 rights in Saskatchewan, including Métis rights to land and resources;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the MN-S President and Vice President be authorized to do all things reasonably necessary, including pursuing litigation, to have the Government of Saskatchewan:

- a) Fully recognize the MN-S as the government of the Métis in Saskatchewan on a government-to-government basis;
- b) Fully recognize and respect the Métis Section 35 rights including the land and resource rights of Métis in Saskatchewan; and
- c) Consult properly with the MN-S in accordance with the MN-S policy on the Duty to Consult, passed by the Legislative Assembly in 2007.

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**Dated this 8<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2020**

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

**Seconded by:** Leonard Montgrand, Northern Region 2