



Resolution Duly Approved by the
Métis Nation-Saskatchewan
Provincial Métis Council on November 14, 2022
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Rejecting the *Saskatchewan First Act*

WHEREAS the Métis people have occupied the lands that are now Saskatchewan since the 17th century, pre-dating national and provincial borders;

WHEREAS the Métis people are inextricably linked to the land and have continually drawn from the resources of these lands to sustain lives and livelihoods;

WHEREAS the inherent right of Métis people to these lands and resources is recognized and affirmed by Canada through the *Constitution Act, 1982*;

WHEREAS the Government of Saskatchewan has proposed a *Saskatchewan First Act* and white paper which have ignored in their entirety the Métis people, the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) as the representative government, and our constitutionally recognized and protected inherent rights;

WHEREAS the Government of Saskatchewan has chosen to present a narrow history which dates the rights of resources only to 1930, purposefully ignoring the centuries of occupation, ownership, rights, and use of these resources and land by Métis people; and

WHEREAS the Métis people share a desire both to see Saskatchewan prosper and to participate fully in that prosperity with full recognition of us as among the true first Saskatchewan residents;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the MN-S Provincial Métis Council (PMC) wholly rejects both the premise and content of the Government of Saskatchewan's *Saskatchewan First Act* which ignores the constitutionally protected inherent rights of Métis as an Aboriginal people of Canada; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the PMC calls on the Government of Saskatchewan to withdraw the *Saskatchewan First Act* and to start again, this time honouring the nation-to-nation relationship with Métis people in Saskatchewan to ensure their rights are affirmed, upheld and honoured.

Dated this 14th day of November, 2022

Moved by: Michelle LeClair, Vice President

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