



## Métis Nation Legislative Assembly Resolution

**DATE:** May 28, 2023

**Resolution MNLA230528-03**

**SUBJECT:** Resolution to Support Métis Harvesting

**MOVED BY:** Michelle LeClair Vice President

**SECONDED BY:** Laura Burnouf Northern Region 1

**DECISION:** **CARRIED** (89 voted in favour, 0 voted in opposition, 0 abstained)

**WHEREAS** the Métis are one of the Indigenous peoples who lived in the historic Northwest prior to Canada's westward expansion, and have developed shared customs, traditions, and collective identities rooted in kinship, their unique relationship to the land, and a distinct culture and way of life;

**WHEREAS** the Métis of Saskatchewan have established the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) as its government, mandated to advance Métis rights, self-government, and self-determination for the Métis of Saskatchewan, as well as to represent its Citizens through democratic governance structures;

**WHEREAS** the MN-S recognizes that harvesting of fish and game is integral to our Métis ways of living, being connected to the land, and strengthens and perpetuates Métis identity, culture, values, and traditions;

**WHEREAS** the MN-S recognizes that Métis subsistence harvesting is critical to the economic and nutritional needs of many Métis households;

**WHEREAS** in March 2023, the MN-S announced the reformation of the Harvesting Advisory Group, a thoughtfully assembled panel of knowledgeable fish and game harvesters from the north, central and southern regions of Saskatchewan, to provide meaningful insight, and direction to ensure Métis harvesting is grounded in our identity, culture, values, and traditions;

**WHEREAS** the MN-S has diligently engaged in ongoing negotiations with the Province of Saskatchewan to seek common ground on which to build a framework that provides a province-wide Métis sustenance harvesting agreement; and

**WHEREAS** the proposed province-wide Métis harvesting framework has been stalled by the Cabinet and Legislature of Saskatchewan since June 2019;

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**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly calls upon the Province of Saskatchewan to complete the Agreement and Policy on Métis Sustenance Harvesting Rights in Saskatchewan and work towards implementation by the Fall of 2023

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This is a certified copy of this resolution adopted on May 28, 2023, in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan.



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Richard Quintal  
Clerk of the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly

