



Resolution Duly Approved by the
Métis Nation-Saskatchewan
Provincial Métis Council on October 15, 2024
#241015-10

**Amendments to the *Constitution of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan* to Include
Provisions Allowing for the Creation of a Métis Judiciary**

WHEREAS the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) recognizes the distinctiveness of Métis identity, culture, values and language - inclusive of knowledge keepers, Lii Vyeu Moond (“the old ones” or Elders), Youth, Women and distinctive resources – which is incorporated into proposals and decisions of the Provincial Métis Council (PMC);

WHEREAS the PMC (PMC Resolution #240417-02) supported proceeding with constitutional amendments related to the following areas in time for consideration at the Fall 2024 session of the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly (MNLA):

- Addition of language to support self-government and an affirmation of Métis rights to the Preamble of the *Constitution of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan*;
- Election of provincial representatives for women and youth to be included in the provincial MN-S general election every four years;
- Provisions allowing for the creation of a Métis Judiciary;
- Changes to General Assembly provisions so eligibility for voting will be open to all MN-S citizens of voting age; and
- General clean-up (including but not limited to minor changes to grammar, consistency, and removal of 2007 election details);

WHEREAS the *Constitution of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan* has been amended to add provisions allowing for the creation of a Métis Judiciary; and

WHEREAS the *Métis Nation of Saskatchewan Legislative Assembly Act, 1999* requires constitutional amendments be supported by resolution of the PMC or by the signatures of five members of the MNLA, ensuring that the amendments are filed 30 days prior to the MNLA, or 14 days prior to the MNLA if the minimum 30 days’ notice of the MNLA is provided;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the PMC supports the resolution and amendments to the *Constitution of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan* to add provisions allowing for the creation of a Métis Judiciary set out in Annex A attached to this resolution.

Dated this 15th day of October, 2024

Moved by: Lisa McCallum, Secretary

Seconded by: Michelle LeClair, Vice President

ANNEX A to Resolution #241015-10

DATE:	November 2-3, 2024	Resolution #MNLA2411XX-XX
SUBJECT:	Constitutional Reform, Legislation	
MOVED BY:	Michelle LeClair	Vice President
SECONDED BY:	Lisa McCallum	Secretary
TITLE:	Adopt amendments to the <i>Constitution of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan</i> to include provisions allowing for the creation of a Métis Judiciary	

WHEREAS the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly (MNLA) established a committee to review the *Constitution of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan* (the *Constitution*) and related legislation and directed that the committee would consult across the province of Saskatchewan on changes to the *Constitution* and related legislation (MNLA Resolution #190302-06);

WHEREAS after initial consultation it was determined that constitutional reform was needed and the MNLA supported continued consultation that would result in proposed amendments to the *Constitution* and legislation to be considered at a future date by the MNLA (MNLA Resolution #190414-11);

WHEREAS the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) undertook community consultations with citizens throughout the province in 2019, 2021, 2022, 2023 and in 2024 to solicit their views on constitutional reform and has incorporated this information into a substantial package of proposed constitutional amendments and legislation;

WHEREAS the Provincial Métis Council (PMC) approved of a phased approach to constitutional reform to ensure thoughtful consideration by Métis citizens and by the officials elected to represent them (PMC Resolution #240417-01);

WHEREAS it is necessary to amend the *Constitution* in order to clarify and confirm the jurisdiction of the MNLA to enact laws to establish a Métis Judiciary; and

WHEREAS amending the *Constitution* in order to clarify and confirm the jurisdiction of the MNLA to enact laws to establish a Métis Judiciary is supported by resolution of the PMC;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the *Constitution* be amended to include provisions allowing for the creation of a Métis Judiciary as set out in Annex A attached to this resolution.

(Annex A is attached to this resolution)

ANNEX A

The *Constitution of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan* relating to the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly is amended by deleting Article 2-3 and substituting the following:

"3. The Métis Nation Legislative Assembly has the jurisdiction and authority:

- (a) to govern the affairs and conduct of the Métis Nation within Saskatchewan by adopting resolutions, rules and directives, making proclamations, and enacting legislation in relation to any matter;
- (b) to establish courts, tribunals or other entities, mechanisms or processes to resolve disputes relating to:
 - (i) compliance with this *Constitution*;
 - (ii) the validity, interpretation, application or alleged violation of legislation enacted by the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly or policies adopted by the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan; or
 - (iii) disputes between or involving Métis individuals.

"3.1 Any Métis entities, processes or mechanisms established pursuant to Article 2-3(b) must be independent and impartial and must result in competent and fair decisions".