



Resolution Duly Approved by the
Métis Nation-Saskatchewan
Provincial Métis Council on June 18, 2024
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Métis National Council

WHEREAS the Métis Nation - Saskatchewan (MN-S) has an inherent right to self-determination, including self-government, recognized and affirmed in section 35 of the *Constitution Act, 1982* and in the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples;

WHEREAS the Métis have fought and died for generations in the struggle to secure the existence of our people and to assert our right to govern ourselves and determine our own destiny;

WHEREAS Louis Riel, when considering how the Métis should govern ourselves, stated “As a principle of action, we must seek to do what is right, and at the same time have a special regard for the people of this country. We must seek to preserve the existence of our own people.”;

WHEREAS determining who we are and who belongs to us, through our own customs, traditions and institutions, is a foundation of our continued existence and self-determination;

WHEREAS the Métis National Council (MNC) was formed in 1983 in response to the need for a Métis body to advocate for the distinct needs and identity of the Métis Nation, and is mandated by the Métis Nation General Assembly to advance issues of collective importance to the Métis Nation;

WHEREAS the MNC has, in recent years, become ineffective at preserving Métis identity and advancing Métis rights and no longer effectively advances the interests of the Métis Nation within Saskatchewan;

WHEREAS the Métis Nation of Ontario (MNO) has accepted and continues to represent significant numbers of people who are not Métis, and the MNC has failed to ensure the integrity of MNO's citizenship registry and rectify this ongoing problem after several years;

WHEREAS the MN-S' continued association with MNO as a fellow Governing Member of the MNC no longer benefits the MN-S or the Métis Nation as a whole;

WHEREAS the MN-S has made great strides towards constitutionally-entrenched self-government outside of the MNC, and its continued participation in the MNC can only be justified if the MNC's structure, role, and composition are reformed to serve the interests of the MN-S;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the MN-S table a resolution at the upcoming Métis Nation General Assembly to enact the following measures:

- Remove Métis Nation of Ontario from the MNC immediately;
- Remove the Office of the President;

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- Create the role of Chairperson to preside over the MNC Board of Governors, and stipulate that the Chairperson will not leave the Homeland in their official capacity;
- Prescribe the role of the MNC Secretariat in the MNC bylaws as "Lobbying on behalf of all Governing Members according to the direction of the Board of Governors";
- Divide all funding provided by the Government of Canada for Métis Veterans among the Governing Members; and
- Dissolve the Métis Nation General Assembly and remove its role from the MNC bylaws; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the MN-S shall resign from the MNC if this resolution is not passed by the Métis Nation General Assembly in its entirety.

Dated this 18th day of June, 2024

Moved by: Glen McCallum, President

Seconded by: Michelle LeClair, Vice President

