



Métis Nation Legislative Assembly RESOLUTION

DATE:	September 7, 2025	Resolution MNLA250907-03
SUBJECT:	Métis Distinction – Identity, Culture, Values, and Language	
MOVED BY:	Brennan Merasty	Northern Region 3
SECONDED BY:	Laura Burnouf	Northern Region 1
DECISION:	CARRIED (75 voted in favour, 4 voted in opposition, 0 abstained)	

WHEREAS the Métis are a distinct Indigenous people with shared customs, collective identities rooted in kinship, and a unique relationship to the land, whose presence and nationhood predate Canada's westward expansion into the historic Northwest;

WHEREAS the Métis Nation within Saskatchewan emerged from historic Métis communities that were established along key riverways and trade routes, among other areas, and these communities have remained vital despite colonial disruptions;

WHEREAS the Métis Nation within Saskatchewan has historically spoken many distinct languages—including Nēhiyawewin (Cree), Northern Michif, Heritage Michif, Michif French, and Denesuline—each representing threads of the Métis Nation within Saskatchewan's living heritage;

WHEREAS families are the heart of Métis culture and community in Saskatchewan, and it was through the coming together of Métis families that Locals were formed, creating the foundation for the governance of the Métis Nation-Saskatchewan (MN-S);

WHEREAS the MN-S, as the government representing the Métis Nation within Saskatchewan, continues to uphold the identity, culture, values and language through its governance and institutions; and

WHEREAS the Provincial Métis Council (PMC), at their duly held meeting on June 25, 2025, formally affirmed and recognized Métis distinction, and called on the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly for ratification (Resolution #250625-04);

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly (MNLA) formally recognizes and reaffirms Métis distinction – being identity, culture, values, and language, as foundational to the MN-S's existence and governance; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the MNLA endorses the directives provided by the PMC (Resolution #250625-04) to direct the MN-S to undertake the following:

- Undertake research and development of Métis language legislation that acknowledges the rich linguistic heritage of the MN-S Government and safeguards the vitality of these languages for future generations;

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- Conduct research in partnership with existing agreements signed with the University of Saskatchewan, on historic and distinctive Métis communities, including Locals, throughout Saskatchewan to ensure a deeper and more accurate understanding and acknowledgment of the Métis Nation within Saskatchewan's enduring footprint; and
 - Engage with Lii Vyeu Moond, Kihitêyak, the Old Ones and other Knowledge Keepers, along with Métis Youth, to ensure the cultural alignment of information gathered for cultural vitality for future generations.
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This is a certified copy of this resolution adopted on September 7, 2025, in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan.



Richard Quintal
Clerk of the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly

