



Resolution Duly Approved by the
Métis Nation-Saskatchewan
Provincial Métis Council on January 21, 2025
#250121-03

**Cancellation of the February 8-9, 2025 Métis Nation Legislative Assembly
and April 4-6, 2025 Métis Nation Legislative Assembly**

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 Article 3.10 of the *Constitution of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan* (the *Constitution*) authorizes the PMC to set the date and place for each sitting of the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly (MNLA);

WHEREAS the *Constitution* requires that the MNLA meet twice a year (Article 2.6);

WHEREAS at their duly held meeting on November 21, 2023, the PMC set the dates for upcoming sessions of the MNLA (PMC Resolution #231121-05). The dates set for 2025 were a Spring 2025 MNLA on April 4-6, 2025, a Fall 2025 MNLA on November 28-30, 2025, and a Special MNLA on February 8-9, 2025, to consider matters of self-government and treaty making;

WHEREAS at their duly held meeting on November 18, 2024, the PMC resolved that a Special MNLA would be held on January 25, 2025, to set the date and confirm details for the 2025 MN-S Election for Executive and Regional Representatives (PMC Resolution #241118-07);

WHEREAS, to allow for a condensed timeline to hold a General Assembly in 2024, the PMC confirmed on April 19, 2024 that the Fall 2024 MNLA would be held in Regina, SK, due to venue availability (PMC Resolution #240419-07);

WHEREAS holding an MNLA in Regina resulted in cost overruns due to additional fees for items including travel and hotel costs, and for audio visual services provided by the venue;

WHEREAS the PMC has affirmed its collective responsibility as the Executive Branch of the MN-S government, which is the authority granted to the PMC in the *Constitution* which names the PMC as the Cabinet, and that this responsibility includes financial stewardship and governance decisions (PMC Resolution #210618-07);

WHEREAS an MN-S Election for the Executive and Regional Representatives is planned for May 24, 2025, pending approval by the MNLA at the January 25, 2025, Special MNLA; and

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WHEREAS the PMC recognizes that convening a session of the MNLA so close to the 2025 MN-S Election may undermine effective governance and could be perceived as an opportunity for political campaigning;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the PMC approves cancelling the Spring 2025 MNLA scheduled April 4-6, 2025, to promote effective governance and prudent fiscal management of MN-S resources;

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the PMC confirms that an in-person MNLA will be scheduled July 4-6, 2025, with the location to be set at a future date by the PMC, pending venue availability; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the PMC approves cancelling the February 8-9, 2025, Special MNLA that was scheduled to consider matters related to treaty making, and affirms that this MNLA may be rescheduled when the government-to-government treaty with Canada is ready for ratification.

Dated this 21st day of January, 2025

Moved by: Marg Friesen, Eastern Region 3

Seconded by: Glen McCallum, President

