



Resolution Duly Approved by the
Métis Nation-Saskatchewan
Provincial Métis Council on June 25, 2025
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Métis Distinction – Identity, Culture, Values and Language

WHEREAS the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) recognizes the distinctiveness of Métis identity, culture, values and language – inclusive of knowledge keepers, kihtêyak, 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 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 MN-S; and

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;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the PMC formally recognizes and reaffirms Métis distinction – being identity, culture, values, and language, as foundational to the MN-S’ existence and governance;

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the PMC directs the MN-S to:

- 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;
- 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 North, Central and South kihtêyak, the old ones, and other knowledge keepers to ensure the cultural alignment of the information gathered; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the PMC calls on the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly to ratify the directions set out above, ensuring that Métis distinction continues to be enshrined within the governance and future of the MN-S.

Dated this 25th day of June, 2025

Moved by: Brennan Merasty, Northern Region 3

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