



Resolution Duly Approved by the  
Métis Nation-Saskatchewan  
Provincial Métis Council on April 21, 2026  
**#260421-04**

## Distinctions Based Focus Plan

**WHEREAS** the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) recognizes the distinctiveness of Métis identity, culture, values, and language - inclusive of Knowledge Keepers, Kihitêyak, Lii Vyeu Moond (the Old Ones or Elders), Youth, Women, and distinctive resources – which are incorporated into the proposals and decisions of the Provincial Métis Council (PMC);

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

**WHEREAS** in 2021, a previous PMC administration undertook initial strategic planning, including the development of a MN-S Vision, Guiding Principles and Values, and Key Priorities (PMC Resolution #230921-06);

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

**WHEREAS** building on this foundational strategic work and the formal recognition of Métis distinction, the MN-S undertook the development of a Distinctions Based Focus Plan (the “Plan”) to guide the next phase of government planning and decision making;

**WHEREAS** the purpose of the Plan is to chart a Métis-distinct path forward for MN-S government, grounded in the priorities of Elders, MN-S Citizens, and the PMC;

**WHEREAS** the Plan reflects the views and priorities of Métis people and integrates their needs into the government’s plans and priorities for the next four years, serving as a guiding document for the MN-S government, ministries, institutions, and departments, grounded in Métis core values and guiding principles;

**WHEREAS** in 2025, the development of the Plan was informed by direct citizen engagement, including in-person surveys conducted at Back to Batoche and an online citizen survey administered throughout the summer;

**WHEREAS** during the summer of 2025, one-on-one interviews were conducted with PMC members to identify leadership priorities for the Plan;

**WHEREAS** on September 4, 2025, prior to the MNLA, an Elders gathering session was held to identify Elders’ priorities and perspectives to inform the Plan;

**WHEREAS** on September 7, 2025, the MNLA formally recognized and reaffirmed Métis distinction, being identity, culture, values, and language, as foundational to the existence and governance of MN-S (MNLA Resolution #250907-03);

**WHEREAS** between September 23 and 25, 2025, the PMC participated in a three-day planning session during which mission and vision statements were workshopped, core values and guiding principles were identified, and five focus areas were confirmed;

**WHEREAS** between October 2025 and January 2026, a preliminary draft of the Plan was developed based on the findings of these engagement activities;

**WHEREAS** on January 20, 2026, the draft Plan was presented to the PMC for initial review; and

**WHEREAS** between February 2 and 23, 2026, focused outreach was undertaken with the Local Presidents of Western Region 2 and Western Region 3 to support validation of the Plan's findings within those Regions, and updates were incorporated to reflect their input;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the PMC endorses and approves the Plan as a guiding document for the MN-S government for the remainder of the current term; and

**FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the PMC directs that the Plan be shared widely across MN-S to support collective understanding and alignment, and that the Plan be tabled for information with the MNLA at its next sitting.

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**Dated this 21<sup>st</sup> of April, 2026**

**Moved by:** Brennan Merasty, Northern Region 3

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