



Resolution Duly Approved by the  
Métis Nation-Saskatchewan  
Provincial Métis Council on May 19, 2026  
**#260519-08**

### **Defining and Affirming the Role of Métis Women in MN-S Governance**

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

**WHEREAS** women are the heart and soul of Métis communities, historically performing cultural and economic leadership roles essential to Métis ways of life, such as healers, midwives, and caretakers – gathering food and medicine, and maintaining connections to the land and its resources;

**WHEREAS** Métis women historically held positions of influence within governance structures, holding decision-makers accountable, advocating for peace and, when necessary, participating in active resistance;

**WHEREAS** the *Constitution of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan* formally establishes women's representation across government structures, including designated roles on the PMC, in the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly (MNLA), representation on committees and commissions established by the MNLA, and more;

**WHEREAS** the PMC and MNLA have supported constitutional and legislative amendments to provide for the provincial election of women representatives, ensuring formalized and democratic participation of Métis women in governance (MNLA Resolution #190414-12 and PMC Resolution #241015-09) but these amendments have not yet been realized;

**WHEREAS** the PMC established a Women's Ad Hoc Committee in 2023 and approved terms of reference for the committee in 2024 (PMC Resolution #240521-03), with the goal of clarifying the relationship between Les Filles de Madelaine (LFDM) and the MN-S; and

**WHEREAS** it is necessary to renew and refocus efforts to define the relationship between LFDM and the MN-S, and to clarify the status of women's representatives in MN-S governance through a working group within the Ministry of Self-Government and Self-Determination;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the PMC affirms the essential role of Métis women within MN-S's governance;

**FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the PMC directs the MN-S to prioritize the development of Métis women's legislation to further define, affirm, and protect the roles, authority, and jurisdiction of women's representatives within the MN-S government, and to ensure the protection of women's status and their equal participation throughout all governance structures;

**FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the PMC directs the formation of a working group, co-led by the Ministry of Self-Government and Self-Determination and the Interim President of Les Filles de Madelaine, and consisting of an additional five (5) members of the PMC, dedicated to reviewing the roles of women within the MN-S government and assisting with identification of constitutional and legislative amendments necessary to ensure the status of Métis women is upheld within the MN-S; and

**FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the PMC directs that the working group report back to the PMC within four (4) months.

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**Dated this 19<sup>th</sup> of May, 2026**

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