



Resolution Duly Approved by the
Métis Nation-Saskatchewan
Provincial Métis Council on January 14, 2018
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**Negotiating with Parks Canada Towards an Agreement to Return the Batoche National
Historic Site Lands to the MN-S**

WHEREAS the second provisional government of the Métis Nation was headquartered at Batoche in 1884/85, which was the site of the last battle between Canada and the Métis Nation; and

WHEREAS President Louis Riel, upon his voluntary surrender to the government troops after the Battle of Batoche was subsequently tried and executed on November 16, 1885; and

WHEREAS the Government of Canada, through the Minister of Heritage Canada, is seeking positive measures to honour President Louis Riel; and

WHEREAS the Métis Nation-Saskatchewan (MN-S) recognizes the importance of Reconciliation and embarks on this initiative in that spirit; and

WHEREAS the Métis Nation will be marking, by commemoration and celebration, the 150th anniversary of the entry of the Métis Nation into Canadian Confederation through the *Manitoba Act 1870* and the *Rupert's Land Order 1870*; and

WHEREAS the MN-S believes Batoche, as a sacred and cherished historic site, is important for the continued existence of the Métis in western Canada as a distinct nation and people; and

WHEREAS the MN-S, on behalf of the Métis Nation, seeks ownership of the traditional land at Batoche, along with the reparations suffered as a result of the Battle of Batoche and subsequent governmental actions over the intervening years; and

WHEREAS the MN-S has entered into Section 35 rights reconciliation negotiations with the Government of Canada;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the MN-S Provincial Métis Council (PMC) mandates MN-S President McCallum and Minister of Batoche Sherry McLennan to engage in a process or processes of negotiation, which will lead to an agreement with the Government of Canada resulting in the Batoche National Historic Site lands being returned to the MN-S; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this process be approached in a rights based manner, giving President McCallum and the MN-S Minister of Batoche the flexibility of achieving ownership and control of the Batoche National Historic Site; and

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BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that President McCallum, and the MN-S Minister of Batoche shall provide updates to the PMC, with the final draft agreement presented to the PMC for approval.

Dated this 14th day of January, 2018

Moved by: Sherry McLennan, Western Region 2

Seconded by: Tammy Mah, Les Filles des Madelaine

