



Resolution Duly Approved by the
Métis Nation-Saskatchewan
Provincial Métis Council on January 14, 2018
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Memorandum of Understanding to Support Negotiations on Section 35 Métis Rights

WHEREAS the Métis Nation-Saskatchewan (MN-S), as the government of the Métis in Saskatchewan, is mandated to advance Métis rights, self-government and self-determination in Saskatchewan; and

WHEREAS Section 35 of the *Constitution Act, 1982*, states that “the existing aboriginal and treaty rights of the aboriginal peoples of Canada are hereby recognized and affirmed” and “the ‘aboriginal peoples of Canada’ includes the Indian, Inuit and Métis people”; and

WHEREAS the Supreme Court of Canada has noted that Section 35 of the *Constitution Act, 1982*, calls for a process of reconciliation between the Crown and Aboriginal peoples through which the rights and outstanding claims of Aboriginal peoples are determined, recognized and respected through honourable negotiations with the goal of reaching just and lasting settlements; and

WHEREAS the MN-S is currently participating, along with the Government of Canada, in such a process as described in the preceding clause; and

WHEREAS this process is known as the Recognition of Indigenous Rights and Self Determination table and is meant to add substance to Section 35 Métis Rights; and

WHEREAS Canada is committed to working, on a nation-to-nation, government-to-government basis, with the Métis Nation, through bilateral negotiations with the MN-S, to advance reconciliation and renew the relationship through cooperation, respect for Métis Nation rights, and moving beyond the status quo; and

WHEREAS the MN-S and the Government of Canada are ready to sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), which will set the stage for the negotiation of a Framework Agreement, which will define the process of formal negotiations on Section 35 Métis Rights; and

WHEREAS the items contemplated for formal negotiations include, but are not limited to, the MN-S Land Claim filed in North West Saskatchewan in 1994, Métis Self Government, etc.;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the MN-S Provincial Métis Council (PMC) give MN-S President McCallum and Vice-President Morin the authority and mandate to sign the abovementioned MOU on behalf of the MN-S; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the PMC strongly encourage President McCallum and Vice-President Morin to sign the MOU with Canada as soon as possible.

Dated this 14th day of January, 2018

Moved by: Earl Cook, Treasurer

Seconded by: Tammy Mah, Les Filles des Madelaine