



Resolution Duly Approved by the
Métis Nation-Saskatchewan
Provincial Métis Council on July 20, 2021
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**Establishing a Commission to Document the History
of Métis Students in Saskatchewan**

WHEREAS the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) is the exclusive representative government of all Métis of Saskatchewan;

WHEREAS the MN-S government has established a Ministerial office and portfolio dedicated to advancing the rights and interests of Métis survivors of residential school who have been unjustly excluded from recognition by both the provincial and federal governments; and

WHEREAS the MN-S desires to pursue federal funding to establish a Commission to promote education and recognition of the harms sustained by Métis survivors of residential school, to make meaningful recommendations to advance reconciliation and to address the inter-generational trauma sustained by their families;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Provincial Métis Council approves of the establishment of a Commission whose mandate will be to, *inter alia*:

- document the history of Métis students in Saskatchewan in day schools, industrial schools and residential schools to better understand the experience of Métis students, including historic injustices;
- build on the work of the residential school survivors of Île-à-la-Crosse and elsewhere by including all former residential students and schools in Saskatchewan;
- examine the roles of the Government of Saskatchewan, the Government of Canada, and the churches in the administration of the schools;
- provide an opportunity for residential school survivors and families to preserve their stories and to ensure that their voices will be heard;
- provide meaningful and accessible support to survivors and their families in their healing journeys;
- research and document the stories of our lost Métis children who attended schools, including the identification of gravesites for those children who did not return home; and
- develop a Terms of Reference for the Commission, which addresses areas left unexplored by the Truth and Reconciliation Commission mandate with regards to Métis people;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Commission will consult with an Advisory Committee that consists of survivors and their families, who will inform and guide the work of the Commission – to ensure forward progress of the work done to date; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the MN-S shall pursue funding to establish the Commission and implement its mandate.

Dated this 20th day of July, 2021

Moved by: Lisa McCallum, Secretary

Seconded by: Mervin “Tex” Bouvier, Northern Region 3

