



MÉTIS NATION-SASKATCHEWAN (MN-S)

RESOLUTION

MÉTIS NATION LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

DATE: NOVEMBER 20, 2022

RESOLUTION #MNLA221120-02

TITLE: REJECTION OF “THE SASKATCHEWAN FIRST ACT”

SUBJECT: Rejecting the “Saskatchewan First Act”

MOVED BY: Michelle LeClair

OFFICE: Vice President

SECONDED BY: Lisa McCallum

OFFICE: Secretary

DECISION: CARRIED (86 voted in favour, 0 in opposition, 0 abstained)

RESOLUTION (Recorded as #MNLA221120-02 in the MNLA Minutes):

WHEREAS the Métis people have occupied the lands that are now Saskatchewan since the 17th century, pre-dating national and provincial borders;

WHEREAS the Métis people are inextricably linked to the land and have continually drawn from the resources of these lands to sustain lives and livelihoods;

WHEREAS the inherent right of Métis people to these lands and resources is recognized and affirmed by Canada through the *Constitution Act, 1982*;

WHEREAS the Government of Saskatchewan has proposed a *Saskatchewan First Act* and White Paper which have ignored in their entirety the Métis people, the Métis Nation-Saskatchewan as the representative government, and our constitutionally recognized and protected inherent rights;

WHEREAS the Government Saskatchewan has chosen to present a narrow history which dates the rights of resources only to 1930, purposefully ignoring the centuries of occupation, ownership, rights, and the use of these resources and land by Métis people; and

WHEREAS the Métis people share a desire both to see Saskatchewan prosper and to participate fully in that prosperity with full recognition of us as among the true first Saskatchewan residents

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the MNLA wholly rejects the premise and content of the Government of Saskatchewan’s *Saskatchewan First Act* which ignores the constitutionally-protected inherent rights of Métis as an Aboriginal people of Canada; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the MNLA calls on the Government of Saskatchewan to withdraw the *Saskatchewan First Act* and to restart again, this time honouring the nation-to-nation relationship with Métis people in Saskatchewan to ensure their rights are affirmed, upheld, and honoured.

This is a certified copy of this resolution adopted on November 20, 2022, in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan.



Richard Quintal
Clerk of the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly

