



Resolution Duly Approved by the
Métis Nation-Saskatchewan
Provincial Métis Council on November 14, 2022
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Supporting the Northwest Saskatchewan Métis Land Claim

WHEREAS the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) recognizes the distinctiveness of Métis identity, culture, values and language - inclusive of Knowledge Keepers, Elders, Youth and distinctive resources – which are incorporated into proposals and decisions of the Provincial Métis Council (PMC);

WHEREAS the Ministry of Justice and the Ministry of Land and Environment work across all MN-S Ministries to create a collaborative process to review new and existing programs;

WHEREAS the MN-S and its Citizens maintain an integral connection to their lands, territories, and resources, which has spanned generations;

WHEREAS the MN-S and its Citizens have an interest in reclaiming and protecting the Métis homeland;

WHEREAS Canada's past refusal to formally recognize the Métis excluded Métis from the Comprehensive Land Claims process;

WHEREAS the process to protect the homeland resulted in litigation over what is today known as the "Northwest Saskatchewan Métis Land Claim" ("Land Claim");

WHEREAS the MN-S and Canada signed a Framework Agreement for Advancing Reconciliation ("Framework Agreement"), which outlined the basis on which the MN-S and Canada would engage in negotiations. A key part of the Framework Agreement was the parties' agreement that all Métis land claims would be addressed and negotiated under the Framework Agreement;

WHEREAS the process to resolve the Land Claim has been ongoing for many years; and

WHEREAS the MN-S and its Citizens have an interest in resolving the Land Claim in an efficient manner which recognizes once and for all, Métis rights to land;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the PMC commits to continued support of the Land Claim and recommit to the pursuit of other potential Métis land claims in Saskatchewan.

Dated this 14th day of November, 2022

Moved by: Michelle LeClair, Vice President

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