



Resolution Duly Approved by the
Métis Nation-Saskatchewan
Provincial Métis Council on November 14, 2022
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Métis Vision of Health

WHEREAS Métis people experience significant challenges optimizing their health and well-being, suffer disproportionately from a wide range of conditions, and have insufficient access to the supports needed to optimize Métis social determinants of health (MSDoH) to improve health outcomes;

WHEREAS addressing MSDoH will be key to closing the health gaps between Métis and other Canadians;

WHEREAS a MSDoH approach seeks to acknowledge and understand the root causes of a variety of historic, economic, social, and political inequities;

WHEREAS the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) is committed to increasing access to health services and supports and to improving the health and well-being of Métis citizens in Saskatchewan;

WHEREAS the *Métis Vision of Health* is a document developed collaboratively by the Governing Members (MN-S, Métis Nation British Columbia, Métis Nation of Alberta, and Métis Nation of Ontario) and the Métis National Council to address current health inequities and health priorities;

WHEREAS the *Métis Vision of Health* is based on a MSDoH approach which illuminates ways in which social, cultural and economic marginalization impacts health, and assists in setting out a path forward to improve health and well-being;

WHEREAS the *Métis Vision of Health* responds to the lived experience and community voice of Métis citizens in Saskatchewan and is grounded in community engagement centred around Métis experiences and perceptions; and

WHEREAS there are fourteen priorities that were developed from a robust community engagement process with Métis communities, as follows:

1. Extended Health Benefits
2. Mental Health and Substance Use Supports
3. Community Based, Long Term Care and Palliative (Hospice) Care
4. Building Meaningful, Collaborative Relationships
5. Comprehensive Community Health Centres
6. Increased Métis Health Human Resources
7. Healthy Living, Disease Prevention and Health Promotion
8. Strengthening Métis Nation Cultural Supports and Traditional Well-being Programming
9. Expanding Virtual Health Opportunities
10. Métis Research, Needs Assessment and Evaluation
11. Building Culturally Competent Health Systems
12. Pre- and Post-Natal Care
13. Culturally Relevant Sexual Health and Reproductive Care
14. Climate Change Impact on Health

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THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Provincial Métis Council strongly supports the adoption of the *Métis Vision of Health* as a guidance document which summarizes the Métis Nation's relationship with Canada on the Métis vision for distinction-based Indigenous-specific health legislation to advance Métis health priorities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Canada and the Métis Nation enter into a 10-year Métis Nation Health Accord to support the implementation of the *Métis Vision of Health* priorities.

Dated this 14th day of November, 2022

Moved by: Marg Friesen, Eastern Region 3

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