



Resolution Duly Approved by the  
Métis Nation-Saskatchewan  
Provincial Métis Council on October 15, 2024  
**#241015-11**

**Amendments to the *Constitution of the Métis Nation–Saskatchewan* to Change the  
General Assembly Provisions so Eligibility for Voting will be Open to all  
Métis Nation - Saskatchewan Citizens of Voting Age**

**WHEREAS** the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) recognizes the distinctiveness of Métis identity, culture, values and language - inclusive of knowledge keepers, Lii Vyeu Moond (“the old ones” or Elders), Youth, Women and distinctive resources – which is incorporated into proposals and decisions of the Provincial Métis Council (PMC);

**WHEREAS** the PMC (PMC Resolution #240417-02) supported proceeding with constitutional amendments related to the following areas in time for consideration at the Fall 2024 session of the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly (MNLA):

- Addition of language to support self-government and an affirmation of Métis rights to the Preamble of the *Constitution of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan*;
- Election of provincial representatives for women and youth to be included in the provincial MN-S general election every four years;
- Provisions allowing for the creation of a Métis Judiciary;
- Changes to General Assembly provisions so eligibility for voting will be open to all MN-S citizens of voting age; and
- General clean-up (including but not limited to minor changes to grammar, consistency, and removal of 2007 election details);

**WHEREAS** the *Constitution of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan* (the *Constitution*) has been amended for changes to General Assembly provisions so eligibility for voting will be open to all MN-S citizens of voting age; and

**WHEREAS** the *Métis Nation of Saskatchewan Legislative Assembly Act, 1999* requires constitutional amendments be supported by resolution of the PMC or by the signatures of five members of the MNLA, ensuring that the amendments are filed 30 days prior to the MNLA, or 14 days prior to the MNLA if the minimum 30 days’ notice of the MNLA is provided;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the PMC supports the resolution and amendments to the *Constitution* for changes to General Assembly provisions so eligibility for voting will be open to all MN-S citizens of voting age as set out in Annex A attached to this resolution.

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**Dated this 15<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2024**

**Moved by:** Lisa McCallum, Secretary

**Seconded by:** Michelle LeClair, Vice President

## ANNEX A to Resolution #241015-11

<b>DATE:</b>	<b>November 2-3, 2024</b>	<b>Resolution #MNLA2411XX-XX</b>
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	<b>Constitutional Reform, Legislation</b>	
<b>MOVED BY:</b>	Michelle LeClair	Vice President
<b>SECONDED BY:</b>	Lisa McCallum	Secretary
<b>TITLE:</b>	Adopt amendments to the <i>Constitution of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan</i> to change the General Assembly provisions so eligibility for voting will be open to all MN-S citizens of voting age	

**WHEREAS** the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly (MNLA) established a committee to review the *Constitution of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan* (the *Constitution*) and related legislation and directed that the committee would consult across the province of Saskatchewan on changes to the *Constitution* and related legislation (MNLA Resolution #190302-06);

**WHEREAS** after initial consultation it was determined that constitutional reform was needed and the MNLA supported continued consultation that would result in proposed amendments to the *Constitution* and legislation to be considered at a future date by the MNLA (MNLA Resolution #190414-11);

**WHEREAS** the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) undertook community consultations with citizens throughout the province in 2019, 2021, 2022, 2023 and in 2024 to solicit their views on constitutional reform and has incorporated this information into a substantial package of proposed constitutional amendments and legislation;

**WHEREAS** the Provincial Métis Council (PMC) approved of a phased approach to constitutional reform to ensure thoughtful consideration by Métis citizens and by the officials elected to represent them (PMC Resolution #240417-01);

**WHEREAS** it is necessary to amend the *Constitution* in order to confirm the right of all MN-S citizens of voting age to vote in a General Assembly; and

**WHEREAS** amending the *Constitution* in order to confirm the right of all MN-S citizens of voting age to vote in a General Assembly is supported by resolution of the PMC in alignment with the requirements for constitutional amendments in the *Métis Nation of Saskatchewan Legislative Assembly Act, 1999*, Section 12, subsection 1;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the *Constitution* be amended to change the General Assembly provisions so eligibility for voting will be open to all MN-S citizens of voting age as set out in Annex A attached to this resolution.

*(Annex A is attached to this resolution)*

## **ANNEX A**

### **Constitution amended**

1. The *Constitution of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan* is amended as set out in this Schedule.

### **Article 11 replaced**

2. Article 11 relating to the General Assembly is deleted and the following substituted:
  - "1. "The Métis Nation Legislative Assembly shall convene a General Assembly annually and when necessary to ratify amendments to this Constitution."
  - "2. The members of the General Assembly are those persons who are Métis citizens registered with the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan".

### **Article 15 amended**

3. Article 15 is amended by deleting Article 15-2 and substituting the following:
  - "2. All proposed amendments to the *Constitution* must be registered with the Clerk of the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly thirty days prior to the sitting of the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly where reasonable advance notice of the Legislative Assembly is provided. Where the minimum 30 days' notice is provided under Article 2-8, all proposed amendments must be registered 14 days prior to the sitting of the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly."

### **Article 16 amended**

4. Article 16 relating to implementation is deleted and the following substituted:
  - "1. This *Constitution* as amended is effective when the amendments are approved by the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly and ratified by the General Assembly".