



Resolution Duly Approved by the
Métis Nation-Saskatchewan
Provincial Métis Council on August 19, 2025
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**State of Emergency on Drugs and Alcohol, Gangs, and Violence
across the Saskatchewan Métis Homeland**

WHEREAS the Métis Nation–Saskatchewan (MN-S) recognizes the distinctiveness of Métis identity, culture, values, and language – inclusive of Knowledge Keepers, Kihtêyak, Lii Vyeu Moond (the “Old Ones” or Elders), Youth, Women, and distinctive resources – which are incorporated into proposals and decisions of the Provincial Métis Council (PMC);

WHEREAS the Métis within Saskatchewan are rooted in their distinctiveness, including identity, culture, values and language;

WHEREAS the continuing legacy of colonization and injustices against Indigenous peoples of Canada has led to a crisis driven by the widespread use of drugs and alcohol resulting in gangs and violence in all Regions of Saskatchewan which includes Northern Region 1, Northern Region 2, Northern Region 3, Eastern Region 1, Eastern Region 2, Eastern Region 2A, Eastern Region 3, Western Region 1, Western Region 1A, Western Region 2, Western Region 2A, Western Region 3, fracturing our connectedness to our communities and to the land;

WHEREAS the crisis has fueled a rise in violence that erodes the safety of Métis communities and our traditional ways of life and disproportionately affects the most vulnerable in our communities including Women, Children, Youth, and Kihtêyak;

WHEREAS the impact of drugs and alcohol, gangs, and violence has strained community resources including healthcare, law enforcement and social services and requires urgent action particularly in the Northern Regions 1, 2, and 3, and Eastern Region 1;

WHEREAS the MN-S is committed to working with other governments and partners to establish culturally grounded and collaborative interventions with distinctions-based programs and services that restore connectedness, purpose, well-being and safety within the Saskatchewan Métis homeland; and

WHEREAS declaring a state of emergency will empower the MN-S to call on other governments, access key resources, and ultimately, build collaborative solutions in ways that honour our inherent rights to self-government and self-determination;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the PMC hereby declares a state of emergency on drugs and alcohol, gangs, and violence across the Saskatchewan Métis Homeland, effective August 19, 2025;

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FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the PMC directs the MN-S to engage with provincial and federal governments, to secure additional funding and resources to support community-led initiatives, such as the Northern Region 3 Justice Partnership pilot project, that reflect Métis values and respect Métis distinctiveness including identity, culture, language and values; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the MN-S calls on the provincial and federal governments to respond by affirming their recognition of the state of emergency on drugs and alcohol, gangs and violence in the Saskatchewan Métis Homeland and affirming their commitment to working with affected communities including the MN-S, Regions and Locals to create collaborative, culturally grounded solutions that respect Métis distinctiveness.

Dated this 19th day of August, 2025

Moved by: Brennan Merasty, Northern Region 3

Seconded by: Leonard Montgrand, Northern Region 2

