



Resolution Duly Approved by the
Métis Nation-Saskatchewan
Provincial Métis Council on April 21, 2026
#260421-06

Selection and Representation of Old Ones or Elders at the May 22-24, 2026 MNLA

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

WHEREAS MN-S is committed to supporting Knowledge Carriers, Lii Vyeu Moond, Lii Vyeu, Kih̓tēyak, Kēhtēyak, and Aḥnēdhē (the Old Ones or Elders), who play a prominent, vital, and respected role by carrying teachings and lived experiences that guide the MN-S;

WHEREAS the role and selection of Old Ones or Elders within MN-S governance continues to evolve;

WHEREAS there is an established practice and expectation that Old Ones or Elders be present at the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly (MNLA), and clarity is required regarding their representation and participation;

WHEREAS the PMC has directed that MN-S draft a plan outlining the resources required and a proposed approach to developing a comprehensive Wetacihowin policy, and this plan is under development; and

WHEREAS MN-S seeks to support regional equity and the respectful inclusion of Old Ones or Elders at the MNLA while the Wetacihowin policy is under development;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the PMC directs that, for the purposes of the MNLA scheduled May 22–24, 2026, up to eighteen (18) Old Ones or Elders be seated on the Legislative Assembly floor in front of MNLA members (the “MNLA Old Ones or Elders”) to provide representation and guidance to the MNLA as a whole, including one (1) representative from each of the twelve (12) Regions, one (1) Old One or Elder representing the Provincial Métis Youth Council (PMYC), one (1) Old One or Elder representing Les Filles de Madelaine (LFDM), and four (4) Old Ones or Elders representing the Province of Saskatchewan (the “Province”);

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the twelve (12) Regional MNLA Old Ones or Elders shall be selected by their respective MN-S Regions, the Old One or Elder representing the PMYC shall be selected by the PMYC, the Old One or Elder representing LFDM shall be selected by the LFDM, and the four (4) Old Ones or Elders representing the Province shall be selected by the MN-S Executive;

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT to ensure effective planning and coordination, the PMC directs that the names of all 18 MNLA Old Ones or Elders must be received by May 1, 2026; and

FINALLY BE IT RESOLVED THAT PMC members may identify additional Old Ones or Elders from their Regions to attend the MNLA, who will be seated in the MNLA gallery, and the expenses for those Old Ones or Elders will be covered by Regional budgets, as directed by the applicable Regional Representative.

Dated this 21st of April, 2026

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