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Minister Judy Mayer
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Dear Minister Mayer,

I would like to thank you for agreeing to take on the role of Minister of Citizenship in addition to your role as Minister responsible for the Constitution and Governance, to form a new portfolio of Constitution, Governance, and Citizenship. I also thank you for continuing your role as the Minister of Beyond Borders.

Since the 2022 Mandates were given, the MMF – the National Government of the Red River Métis – has continued the unprecedented advancements with all orders of government and industry.

Federally, we signed the *Red River Métis Self-Government Recognition and Implementation Treaty* on November 30, 2024, fulfilling the vision of our Elders and historic leaders. Provincially, we have continued to build a strong relationship with the government of Manitoba, moving forward on critical files, such as the Ste. Madeleine MOU. We have also worked with municipalities across the province to continue to meet Red River Métis needs from Emerson to Churchill. We have made unprecedented progress with industry, growing our capital investment portfolio and signing a never-before-seen agreement with PADCOM.

We also worked with our First Nations relatives and partnered with the Chiefs of Ontario to co-host an Indigenous Identity Fraud Summit to tackle the rampant identity theft faced by Indigenous Nations in Canada from coast-to-coast-to-coast. It is clear that – as a result of our recent political and legal victories – our Identity has been under attack. It is with this in mind that, as part of this Cabinet Shuffle, I am establishing a new portfolio called *Identity Protection and Inter-Indigenous Relations*.

The MMF's 2022 Mandate Letters instructed all Ministers to, among other things, pursue funding from outside the MMF, develop Beyond Borders initiatives, and work together to fulfill your mandates. These mandates continue to apply to those receiving new portfolios and Mandate Letters as a result of this Cabinet Shuffle.

Other mandates, specific to your portfolio as **Minister of Constitution**, **Governance**, **and Citizenship**, that will help fulfill MMF's agenda of sustainable growth to the benefit of all Red River Métis are as follows:

- Continue to Chair the Constitution Committee and, using feedback from our Citizens, develop amendments to our Constitution;
- Work with the MMF Regions to develop information sharing protocols which will support and expand our grassroots governance system and empower Locals;
- Continue to work closely with the Policy and Delivery Unit to develop Constitutional Amendments that will align our Constitution with the *Red River Métis Self-Government Recognition and Implementation Treaty*;
- Work with CRO to continue to maintain our high standards for Citizenship, while enhancing the experience of our Citizens and potential Citizens across the Homeland and beyond;
- Strengthen our Locals by working with MMF Regions to build stronger communication with MMF Locals to ensure information and resources are easier to access;
- Establish a fully functioning Red River Métis Genealogical Institute; and
- Work with relevant Ministers to create a more global data management system, which will help us better serve our Red River Métis Citizens.

Your role as Minister of Beyond Borders and your responsibility to fulfill the mandates given to this portfolio in 2022 remains.

I know that I can count on you to deliver on this mandate. You can count on support from myself and my team when needed – as well as fellow Ministers – to help you in fulfilling this mandate. Our Nation has placed great trust in us to continue the historic progress we have made in recent years, and I trust that by fulfilling the mandate found in this letter we will meet these expectations.

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