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President

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Dear Red River Métis leader,

Thank you for agreeing to serve the Red River Métis as Minister of Community Resource & Accessibility Services as well as Residential & Day Schools.

Firstly, I would like to congratulate you on your successful election. Putting your name forward to lead shows your dedication to your Nation, and your victory at the polls shows the trust your Nation has chosen to place in you. I look forward to working with you during this term.

The MMF – the National Government of the Red River Métis – has seen unparalleled growth in recent years. Growth centred on the legacy of our Ancestors and the vision of the leaders who came before us. We've signed major economic agreements that will benefit the entirety of our Nation. We've entered into historic recognition agreements, including a Self-Government Agreement and Treaty. We've negotiated the transfer of funds and programs that our leaders in 1967 could have only dreamed of. We've built an asset base that will ensure no outside government, federal or provincial, can harm us.

Of course, our work does not stop there and we will need your expertise to finish what we started.

Cabinet-wide Mandates

In this election, I spoke at events from Boissevain in the south to Thompson in the north. At every event, my commitment to our Nation was clear. This term, we will: ensure the Treaty passes through the final stages of the House of Commons, negotiate a settlement for the Land Claim, continue to make generational investments in our Nation's future, protect the section 35 rights of our People, and safeguard and strengthen our government and its institutions.

For our government to fulfill this ambitious mandate we must all commit to a shared philosophy. Regardless of your portfolio, all leaders will be bound to the following principles:

- 1) We are a listening government, hearing the vision of our grassroots leaders, valuing collaboration, and building programs and services that meet these visions.
- 2) We are bridge-builders, dedicated to breaking down silos with your fellow Cabinet Ministers and advancing multi-portfolio strategies that place our People first.
- 3) We are fiscally responsible, committed to making timely budgets and pursuing external, non-MMF funding streams.

As you know, since the days of the Buffalo Hunt, we have relied on the voices of our grassroots Citizens and Elders to help guide us every day. As such, I am once again mandating every elected official to work within your Region to find innovative ways to support your existing Locals through enhanced communication, revitalize the Locals that have been deemed non-active, and establish new Locals in villages where there's significant interest and population base.

I am also mandating every Minister to work with the Minister of Beyond Borders to develop a strategy to implement programs and services Beyond Borders. Now more than ever we need to unite, serve, and protect our Citizens living outside of Manitoba.

Your Portfolio's Mandate:

In addition to this, your portfolio will prioritize the following immediate actions during your mandate:

Community Development & Accessibility Services

- 1) Continue to support Citizens navigating income, housing, health, seniors, family, crisis, and other support services.
- 2) Build capacity within the Red River Métis Community Resource Department to be able to support Red River Métis Citizens living with mobility impairments, intellectual disabilities, or learning disabilities.
- 3) Develop a comprehensive plan to advocate for seniors and Red River Métis Citizens living with mobility impairments, intellectual disabilities, or learning disabilities across our government.
- 4) Negotiate long-term core funding for the Red River Métis Community Resource Department.

Residential & Day Schools

- 1) Work with Red River Métis Residential School and Day School Survivors to advance justice initiatives and develop Red River Métis-led programs.

- 2) Advocate to ensure federal, provincial, and institutional programming for our Survivors remains Red River Métis-led and Survivor-informed.
- 3) Pursue a settlement for Day School Survivors.
- 4) Research existing class action lawsuits impacting our Residential and Day School Survivors and ensure they are better communicated to our People.
- 5) Work with relevant jurisdictions and institutions to conduct a study on the Red River Métis Day School experience in Canada.

Of course, you do not carry this weight alone. You can rely on your Cabinet colleagues, the full support of my team wherever needed, and the expertise of our public service to ensure these directives are converted into reality. To track these mandates, you must work with your Directors to send a report to the President's Office and Policy and Delivery Unit every 6 months.

The Chief Operating Officer will be in touch with you to connect you with the department(s) that will be supporting you in fulfilling this mandate.

As your President, I have the utmost confidence in your abilities to fulfill these mandates. Thank you for your leadership, your dedication to our People, and your commitment to protecting the legacy of the Red River Métis.

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