

RESOLUTION OF THE MANITOBA MÉTIS FEDERATION ANNUAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY MARCH 25-27, 2022

To Amend the MMF Constitution to Add Reference to the Red River Métis

WHEREAS the Manitoba Métis was historically known as the Red River Métis;

AND WHEREAS the Red River Métis began being known as the Manitoba Métis after negotiating Canada's entry into the North-West and Manitoba's entry into Confederation;

AND WHEREAS the descendants of the Red River Métis today are located within what is now Manitoba as well as elsewhere inside and outside of Canada;

AND WHEREAS the Manitoba Métis collectively holds the rights and freedoms referred to in sections 25 and 35 of the *Constitution Act, 1982*, which are derived from those of the Red River Métis, including the inherent right of self-government;

AND WHEREAS the Manitoba Métis has an existing constitution entitled the Manitoba Métis Federation and the Manitoba Metis Federation Inc. ("**MMF**") Constitution, consisting of By-Law No. 1, the Election By-Law, and the Local By-Law, which was first adopted in 1967 and subsequently amended from time to time, and was most recently ratified by the 51st Annual Assembly on September 22nd, 2019;

AND WHEREAS the Manitoba Métis was historically known as the Red River Métis which established its own distinct identity, language, culture, institutions, Government, and way of life centered in the Red River Valley;

AND WHEREAS the MMF Constitution provides for the recognition of the Manitoba Métis and should also include references to the Red River Métis;

AND WHEREAS a resolution in substantially the same form to this resolution was adopted and approved by the MMF Cabinet at a meeting of February 11, 2022;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE FOLLOWING AMENDMENTS TO THE MMF CONSTITUTION BE ENACTED:

1. The **PREAMBLE** at the second paragraph which states:

“WHEREAS, the Manitoba Métis Community is a part of the Métis Nation; and”

Is hereby deleted and the following is therefore substituted:

“WHEREAS, the Manitoba Métis Community or Manitoba Métis, also known as the Red River Métis, is an integral part of the Métis Nation; and”

2. **ARTICLE I OBJECTIVES OF THE CORPORATION** at paragraph 1 which states:

“1. To promote the history and culture of the Métis people and otherwise to promote the cultural pride of its Citizenship.”

Is hereby deleted and the following is therefore substituted:

“1. To promote the history and culture of the Manitoba Métis, also known as the Red River Métis, and otherwise to promote the cultural pride of its Citizenship.”

3. **ARTICLE I OBJECTIVES OF THE CORPORATION** at paragraph 5 which states:

“5. To provide responsible and accountable governance on behalf of the Manitoba Métis Community using the constitutional authorities delegated by its Citizens.”

Is hereby deleted and the following is therefore substituted:

“5. To provide responsible and accountable governance on behalf of the Manitoba Métis, also known as the Red River Métis, using the constitutional authorities delegated by its Citizens.”

Moved By: Minister Judy Mayer

Seconded By: Minister Leah LaPlante

Date: _____