

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

To Amend the MMF Constitution with Respect to Terminating Citizens on an Indigenous Registry Outside of Canada

WHEREAS the Manitoba Métis, also known as the Red River Métis, lived throughout our traditional territories north and south of the international border, and today many of our Citizens continue to live in the United States of America and elsewhere inside and outside of Canada;

AND WHEREAS fulfilling a 2012 Manitoba Métis Federation (“**MMF**”) Annual General Assembly (“**AGA**”) resolution, the 2014 AGA delegates refused to allow the Red River Métis to be defined by boundaries not Métis-made, nor of Métis-choosing, and which arbitrarily and artificially divide our Community, our Citizens, settlements, and traditional territories, and declared it was not necessary to be a resident of Manitoba to be a Manitoba Métis Citizen;

AND WHEREAS in June 2021 *the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act*, also known as Bill C-15, was passed by the Canadian Parliament, confirming the Declaration’s “application in Canadian law,” parts of which state:

Article 33

1. Indigenous peoples have the right to determine their own identity or membership in accordance with their customs and traditions. [...].

Article 36

1. Indigenous peoples, in particular those divided by international borders, have the right to maintain and develop contacts, relations and cooperation, including activities for spiritual, cultural, political, economic and social purposes, with their own members as well as other peoples across borders.

AND WHEREAS the September 2019 MMF AGA resolution, *The Manitoba Métis Self-Government Declaration*, reaffirmed that “the MMF represents the Citizens of the Manitoba Métis Community, a community not bound or defined by Provincial or International Boundaries, including those who are the beneficiaries of the Supreme Court of Canada Declaration in *MMF v Canada 2013*”;

AND WHEREAS the MMF Constitution provides that Manitoba Métis Citizens shall have their Citizenship terminated upon entry of their name in a Band List or in the Indian Register according to the provisions of the *Indian Act*;

AND WHEREAS there is no provision in the MMF Constitution providing for similar terminations for entry on an Indigenous government’s list or register outside of Canada;

AND WHEREAS ARTICLE V TERMINATION OF CITIZENSHIP OR MEMBERSHIP requires revision to address the termination of Citizenship for those outside of Canada;

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:

Paragraph 1(c) of **ARTICLE V TERMINATION OF CITIZENSHIP OR MEMBERSHIP** which states:

“(c) The entry of the Citizen or Member’s name in a Band list or in the Indian Register according to the provisions of the *Indian Act*, R.S.C., c.1-6, as amended.”

Is hereby deleted and the following is therefore substituted:

“(c) The entry of the Citizen or Member’s name in a Band list or in the Indian Register according to the provisions of the *Indian Act*, R.S.C., c. I-5, as amended, or in a register or list of members maintained by an Indigenous government outside of Canada.”

Moved By: Minister Judy Mayer

Seconded By: Minister Leah LaPlante

Date: _____