



ORDINARY RESOLUTION
93rd Métis Nation of Alberta Annual General Assembly

Date: August 21, 2021
Location: Métis Crossing, Smoky Lake, Alberta
Re: Exercising child and family services jurisdiction under *An Act respecting First Nations, Inuit and Métis children, youth and families*

WHEREAS the Métis Nation is an Indigenous people and one of the Aboriginal peoples of Canada within the meaning of s. 35(2) of the *Constitution Act, 1982*;

AND WHEREAS the Métis Nation within Alberta—which is an integral part of the larger Métis Nation—holds inherent rights to self-government and self-determination, as well as those rights as recognized in the *United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples*;

AND WHEREAS the Métis Nation of Alberta (“MNA”) is mandated to represent the Métis Nation within Alberta—which includes the Métis Nation’s citizens and regional, rights-bearing Métis communities throughout Alberta—with respect to their rights, claims, and interests;

AND WHEREAS the health, well-being, and protection of Métis children, youth, and families, has been and continues to be one of the MNA’s top priorities, as shown by the numerous motions and resolutions passed by the MNA Annual General Assembly over the years;

AND WHEREAS in June 2019, the MNA and Canada signed the Métis Government Recognition and Self-Government Agreement that recognizes that “the MNA is mandated to represent the Métis Nation within Alberta” and that “the MNA has been mandated by the Métis Nation within Alberta to implement its inherent right to self-government”;

AND WHEREAS the federal *Act respecting First Nations, Inuit and Métis children, youth and families* affirms that the “inherent right of self-government recognized and affirmed by section 35 of the *Constitution Act, 1982* includes jurisdiction in relation to child and family services, including legislative authority in relation to those services and authority to administer and enforce laws made under that legislative authority” and recognizes numerous rights, opportunities, and responsibilities of Indigenous governing bodies in the provision of child and family services to their citizens;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- A) the MNA is authorized to exercise the Métis Nation within Alberta’s inherent jurisdiction over child and family services, including through the development of a Métis law related

to child and family services, the negotiation of related interim agreements, and/or any other necessary or related actions required to advance or exercise that jurisdiction.

Moved by Hannah Nash

Seconded by Mary Ludwig

Carried unanimously