



**RESOLUTION**  
**Métis Nation of Alberta Provincial Council**

**Date:** December 6, 2019

**Re:** *An Act respecting First Nations, Inuit and Métis children, youth and families*

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**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** in June 2019 the Government of Canada (“GoC”) signed a 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 GoC adopted *An Act respecting First Nations, Inuit and Métis children, youth and families* (the “Act”) that affirms that the inherent right to self-government includes jurisdiction in relation to child and family services, which encompasses “legislative authority in relation to those services and authority to administer and enforce laws made under that legislative authority”;

**AND WHEREAS** the Act will come into force on January 1, 2020;

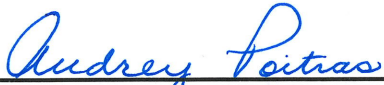
**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**


- A) the MNA, on behalf of the Métis Nation within Alberta, intends to exercise its legislative authority in relation to child and family services;
- B) the MNA is authorized to give notice to the Minister of Indigenous Services Canada and the Alberta Minister of Children’s Services of the MNA’s intention to exercise its legislative authority in relation to child and family services; and


C) the MNA is authorized to request that the Minister of Indigenous Services Canada and the Alberta Minister of Children's Services enter into a coordination agreement with the MNA regarding any and all matters related to its legislative authority in relation to child and family services and/or covered by the Act.

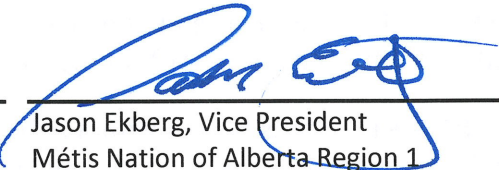
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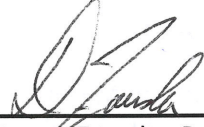
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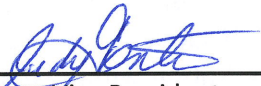
  
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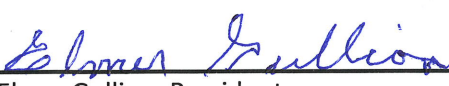
  
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