



**MÉTIS NATION-SASKATCHEWAN (MN-S)**

# RESOLUTION

## MÉTIS NATION LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

DATE: OCTOBER 24, 2019

RESOLUTION NO. 11-2019-5

**TITLE:**

**Proof of Citizenship of Local President**

**SUBJECT:**

**Proof of Citizenship of Local President**

**MOVED BY:**

Adam McInnes  
Office: President, Local #126 Saskatoon

**SECONDED BY:**

Wayne Whitford  
Office: President, Local #105 Ruthilda

**WHEREAS:** Article 10 of the Constitution of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan reads:

1. CITIZENSHIP DEFINITION (amended January 2004)

- a) Métis means a person, who self identifies as Métis, is distinct from other Aboriginal peoples, is of historic Métis Nation Ancestry and is accepted by the Métis Nation.
- b) “Historic Métis Nation” means the Aboriginal people then known as Métis or Half-breeds who resided in the Historic Métis Nation Homeland.
- c) “Historic Métis Nation Homeland” means the area of west central North America used and occupied as the traditional territory of the Métis or Half-breeds as they were known.
- d) “Métis Nation” means the Aboriginal people descended from the Historic Métis Nation which is now comprised of all Métis Nation citizens and is one of the “aboriginal peoples of Canada: within the meaning of s.35 of the Constitution Act 1982.
- e) “Distinct from other Aboriginal peoples” means distinct for culture and nationhood purpose

**WHEREAS:** Chapter 9: Jurisdiction for Citizenship, under the section titled Register of Citizens, of the Métis Government Recognition and Self-Government Agreement between Métis Nation – Saskatchewan and Canada reads:

- 9.04 As of the Self-Government Implementation Date, the Métis Government shall maintain a Register of Citizens. The Electors will be listed on the Register as Citizens. No Citizen may be removed from the Register unless as provided for in a Métis Government Law.
- 9.05 For greater certainty, following the Self-Government Implementation Day, no individual may be added to the Register unless they have applied for citizenship with the Métis Governments and meet the requirements set out in the relevant Métis Government Law

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**WHEREAS:** Chapter 10: Jurisdiction for Selection of Representatives of the Métis Government, under the section titled Métis Government Law, of the Métis Government Recognition and Self-Government Agreement between Métis Nation – Saskatchewan and Canada reads:

10.02 As of the Self-Government Implementation Date, the Métis Government shall maintain a Métis Government Law that sets out the processes for the selection of the representatives of the Métis Government and its Governance Structures, including internal appeal processes.

And

**WHEREAS:** There are currently no requirements for a person who wishes to be a candidate for an elected office of a Local to prove that they are a registered citizen of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan; now, therefore, be it

### **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE MÉTIS NATION LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY:**

1. That a person who wishes to be candidate for an elected office of a Local of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan must demonstrate that they are a registered citizen of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan.
2. That a section be added to the appropriate legislation to reflect this.
3. That all Local presidents of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan must have their Métis Nation – Saskatchewan citizenship cards or have a letter from the Registry stating that they are in the process of obtaining their Métis Nation – Saskatchewan citizenship within 60 days of the close of this sitting of the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly.
4. That Local presidents of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan who do not comply with obtaining their citizenship be required to resign and their local shall hold a by-election to fill the vacancy in accordance with their bylaws.

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ABSTAINED 3

**RESOLUTION CARRIED**

Richard Quintal, Clerk of the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly

Certified copy of a resolution adopted on the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of November, 2019 in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan.

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