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### Métis Nation-Saskatchewan congratulates new Federal Ministers

**October 27, 2021** – Métis Nation-Saskatchewan (MN–S) welcomes news of the new federal cabinet appointments. The election of the Liberal government in 2016 marked a renewal of the relationship between MN-S and Canada, and this new cabinet presents the opportunity to continue to advance the cultural, social, economic and political interests of the Saskatchewan Métis.

"I'm particularly pleased to see Marc Miller as the new Minister of Crown– Indigenous Services and Patti Hajdu as Minister of Indigenous Services," said President Glen McCallum. "These are crucial relationships for MN–S as we continue to fully realize self-government for Métis citizens in Saskatchewan."

MN-S signed a Framework Agreement with Canada in 2017, a self-government agreement in 2019 and has formed an essential partnership with Canada delivering COVID-19 services in Saskatchewan during the pandemic.

"We still have important work to do on land claims," said McCallum, "as well as expanding jurisdiction over essential programs and services that should rightfully be controlled and directed by Métis people, and building upon our shared priorities."

McCallum said he looks forward to working with both new and returning Federal Ministers to continue building a strong government to government relationship with Canada. "A Nation-to-Nation relationship with the Federal Government as reflected in our agreements signed to date, is a necessary foundation for our work in furthering the interests of Métis citizens, families and communities in Saskatchewan."

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### About Métis Nation–Saskatchewan

Métis Nation–Saskatchewan (MN–S) is the recognized government of the Métis Nation in Saskatchewan. MN-S is built on a foundation of Métis identity, culture, values and language. MN–S works to advance Métis rights and recognition. MN–S represents the political, socioeconomic, cultural and educational interests of more

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than 80,000 Métis in the province through an elected representative system at local, regional and provincial levels.

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