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Métis Nation–Saskatchewan and its citizens Offer Condolences and Assistance to the James Smith Cree Nation and Surrounding Communities

September 5, 2022 – The Métis Nation–Saskatchewan (MN–S) is saddened and heartbroken by the devastating attacks yesterday in James Smith Cree Nation and Weldon, Saskatchewan.

“On behalf of the Métis Nation–Saskatchewan, our deepest condolences go out to everyone affected by yesterday’s horrific attacks. Our thoughts and prayers are with the families of the people senselessly killed, as well as those who are wounded and now recovering from their injuries. Our hearts break for all our brothers and sisters affected by yesterday’s events,” said MN–S President Glen McCallum. “We mourn with you.”

President McCallum has reached out to Grand Chief Brian Hardlotte of the Prince Albert Grand Council and offered any support necessary as local community leaders have declared a State of Emergency. “We will help these communities and our First Nation brothers and sister in whatever way we can through this extremely trying time,” said President McCallum.

MN–S will be providing crisis and grief counselling for Métis and First Nation families in the communities of Weldon and Kinistino as well as supporting efforts on the James Smith Cree Nation reserve in Saskatchewan. Regional leaders and local leaders will be assessing the needs among the citizens and families in these communities as we work to ensure all needed supports are in place. The MN–S’ health team is also reaching out to the province and the federal government. MN–S is committed to working collaboratively with community leaders to ensure that everyone impacted gets the help and assistance they require.

If you or anyone you know require counselling, please call the Métis-specific Health Line for Navigating Mental Health and Addiction Support at 1-855-671-5638 or our 24-hour Crisis Line at 1-877-767-7572.

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

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