



RESOLUTION 8

APPROVED AT THE JUNE 2023 MÉTIS NATION GOVERNING ASSEMBLY

Subject: Extension of Voting Timelines

Legislation Affected: *Electoral Act*

Submitted by: *Electoral Act Committee*

Submitted to: MNGA Clerk

Date Submitted: February 1, 2023

Vote Required for Approval: 75%

WHEREAS:

- A. Mail-in ballot voting is one of the options for Métis Citizens to cast their votes and the length of time for receipt and return of mail ballots can be affected by a variety of issues, many of which are beyond the control of MNBC;
- B. Citizens have expressed concerns regarding the tight turnaround time for mail-in ballots to be received and returned;
- C. It is in MNBC's interest to have as many Citizens vote as possible, and short timelines to return mail-in ballots may deter people from voting;
- D. Approval of this resolution will give Electors an additional week to return their mail-in ballots;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- A. In Article 8.2, strike the number "40" and insert "45" in its place;
- B. In article 9.1, strike the word "immediately", and insert "the day after the close of nominations" at the end so that the article will read:
 - 9.1 If only one Candidate is nominated for any one office at the close of nominations the Chief Electoral Officer shall declare that Candidate acclaimed to office the day following the close of nominations.
- C. In Article 11.1, strike the number "seven (7)" and insert "five (5)" in its place.