



## RESOLUTION

SUBMITTED TO THE MARCH 2023 MÉTIS NATION GOVERNING ASSEMBLY

Subject: Protecting Métis Citizens and the Citizenship Process

Legislation Affected: *Citizenship Act, Senate Act*

Submitted by: MNBC Board of Directors

Submitted to: MNBC Clerk

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### WHEREAS

1. The *Constitution* defines Métis as “a person who self-identifies as Métis, is of historic Métis Nation Ancestry, is distinct from other Aboriginal Peoples, and is accepted by the Métis Nation”; and,
2. The *Citizenship Act* authorizes the Registrar to determine whether a person is entitled to be registered as a Citizen, and to determine whether a registered Citizen is found to be ineligible during an audit or review; and,
3. Challenges to a person’s Métis citizenship by someone other than the Registrar is contrary to the provisions of self-identification essential to citizenship and the role of the Registrar.

### BE IT RESOLVED THAT

- A. Article Eleven be struck from the *Citizenship Act*.
- B. Current articles Twelve and Thirteen in the *Citizenship Act* be renumbered accordingly.
- C. In the new 12.4 (previously 13.4) of the *Citizenship Act*, change the words “Article 12.0” to “Article 11.0”.
- D. Subject to approval of A above, item 8.1(k) be struck from the *Senate Act*.