MÉTIS NATION BRITISH COLUMBIA

MÉTIS NATION WOMEN'S ACT

AS RATIFIED SEPTEMBER 2025 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

PREAMBLE

0.0 Mission Statement of the Métis Women of British Columbia:

"We the Métis women of B.C. have an agenda of an open heart and we respect and trust in the process. We are encouraging appropriate relationships, principles and procedures."

ARTICLE ONE – TITLE

1.0 This act may be cited as the *MNBC Women's Act* (the "Act").

ARTICLE TWO – PURPOSE OF THE ACT

2.0 The purpose of this Act is to entrench the Métis Women of British Columbia (the "MWBC") in the MNBC governance structure to ensure that Métis Women are equally represented and engaged in all levels of governance.

ARTICLE THREE - DEFINITIONS

3.1 In this Act:

3.2 **"MWBC Provincial Governance Council"** means the seven elected Métis Women's representatives, one from each Region and the Métis Women's Chairperson also known as the Minister Responsible for Métis Women.

3.3 **"Legislation"** means legislative documents, laws and/or acts including amendments to existing legislative documents, laws and/or acts.

3.4 **"MWBC"** means the Métis Women of British Columbia.

3.5 **"Minister Responsible for Métis Women"** means the person elected as MNBC Provincial Métis Women's Chairperson in accordance with the provisions of the *MNBC Electoral Act*, who shall serve as the Minister Responsible for Métis Women on the MNBC Board of Directors.

3.6 **"The Provincial Métis Women's Chairperson"** the MNBC Métis Women's representative elected in a Province wide election in accordance with the provisions of the *MNBC Electoral Act*.

3.7 **"Regional Métis Women's Representative"** means the MNBC Métis Women's Representative elected to represent the Métis Women of a Region in accordance with the provisions of the *MNBC Electoral Act*.

3.8 **"Métis Women"** means those Métis Women residing in British Columbia, 18 years of age and older.

3.9 **"Métis Nation Governing Assembly"** (MNGA) means the legislative body of the MNBC, as set out in the *Constitution*.

3.10 **"MNBC Assembly"** means MNBC Annual General Meeting (AGM).

ARTICLE FOUR – GENERAL OBJECTIVES

4.1 MWBC shall:

4.2 The MWBC Provincial Governance Council acknowledges and accepts the *MNBC Constitution* as the law governing the MWBC and agrees to comply with the provisions of the *MNBC* Constitution and MNBC Legislation.

4.3 The objective of MWBC is to listen to Métis Women, to voice Métis Women's perspectives, and to acknowledge the past and present contributions of Métis Women for the benefit of Métis People and the Métis Nation.

4.4 The voice of the Métis Women in British Columbia shall be brought to the MNBC, Federal and Provincial Governments, international organizations and associations through the MWBC Provincial Governance Council.

ARTICLE FIVE – MWBC GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE

5.1 MWBC shall:

5.2 The MWBC Provincial Governance Council shall attend every MNGA Assembly and MNBC Assembly.

5.3 The Provincial Women's Chairperson is a voting director on the MNBC Board of Directors.

5.4 The Provincial Women's Chairperson shall provide Provincial, Federal and international representation for Métis Women, and be accountable to the Provincial Governance Council and the MNBC Board of Directors.

a) Upon election, by vote or acclamation, as a Regional Women's Representative, a Citizen who holds the position of President or Vice-President on a Chartered Community Board must immediately resign from that position.

i. If the position of Regional Women's Representative is vacant between elections, a President or Vice-President of a Chartered Community may be appointed to the position on an interim basis, subject to the procedures set out in the *Constitution* and the *MNGA Act*

5.5 The seven Regional Women's Representatives each shall hold voting seats on their respective Regional Governance Councils.

5.6 All Métis Women of British Columbia (MWBC) Provincial Governance Council members shall not be subject to any civil action, suit or prosecution as a result of anything done or not done in relation to the performance of their duties as Métis Women of British Columbia representatives.

5.7 The MWBC Provincial Governance Council shall elect, from among its members, a Vice-Chair, and a Secretary-Treasurer.

5.8 The MWBC Provincial Governance Council shall hold no less than four meetings, including telephone or in person meetings, each year called by the Minister Responsible for Women or, in the event the Minister Responsible for Women is unwilling or unable to call a meeting shall be called by the Vice-Chair.

5.9 MWBC shall prepare and maintain written minutes of all meetings and conference calls (the "MWBC Minutes").

5.10 MWBC Minutes shall be archived in the head office of the Métis Nation British Columbia.

5.11 The MWBC Provincial Governance Council shall, on behalf of the MWBC take such action or hold such functions as may be deemed appropriate to encourage and support the Spiritual, Physical, Mental and Emotional well being Métis Women or for funding purposes.

ARTICLE SIX – ELECTORAL PROCESSES

6.1 MWBC electoral processes are:

6.2 Métis Women seeking elected office must meet all eligibility requirements as set out in the *MNBC Constitution* and the *MNBC Electoral Act*.

6.3 The MWBC Provincial Governance Council shall be elected for a 4-year term in conjunction with the *MNBC Electoral Act*.

6.4 In the event a vacancy in the MWBC Provincial Governance Council arises due to the resignation, removal, suspension or otherwise of an MWBC Member, the vacancy shall be filled in accordance with MNBC legislation.