RESOLUTION 8

DEFEATED AT THE 2025 MÉTIS NATION BC ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Subject:	Ensuring Representation for 2SLGBTQQIA+ Citizens at the MNGA and Regional Governance Councils
Legislation Affected:	*Electoral Act, 2SLGBTQQIA+ Act*
Submitted by:	Métis Nation General Assembly via South Okanagan Similkameen Métis Society
Submitted to:	AGM Clerk
Date Submitted:	March 1, 2025
Vote Required for Approval:	Majority

WHEREAS

1. Chartered Community Presidents constitute a majority of the membership of Regional Governance Councils (RGCs) and the Métis Nation Governing Assembly (MNGA);

2. In the event a Community President cannot attend an RGC or MNGA Meeting, the Vice-President may attend in their place;

3. Chartered Community Presidents and Vice-Presidents are leaders in their community, and as such may also hold elected Regional positions; and

4. If a President or Vice-President is also an elected Regional representative, reduction of representation at an RGC or MNGA for groups such as women and youth may be negatively impacted;

5. A similar resolution for the Métis Women BC and the Métis Youth BC was approved by the assembly at the 2024 MNBC AGM, and approval of this resolution will align the *2SLGBTQQIA+ Act* with the *Métis Nation Women's Act* and *Métis Nation Youth Act*.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT

A. The underlined words be inserted in Article 8.10 to the *Electoral Act,* as set out below:

8.10 Upon election, by vote or acclamation, as a <u>Regional 2SLGBTQQIA+,</u> Regional Women's, or Youth Representative, a Citizen who holds the position of President or Vice-President on a Chartered Community Board must immediately resign from that position.

B. The following be added as a sub-Article to Article 5.3 of the *2SLGBTQQIA+ Act*:

Upon election, by vote or acclamation, as a Regional 2SLGBTQQIA+ 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 2SLGBTQQIA+ 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 procedures set out in the *Constitution* and the *MNGA Act*.