



**MÉTIS NATION**  
BRITISH COLUMBIA



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**~ AND ~**  
**NIWIKOWIN MÉTIS FAMILY SERVICES SOCIETY**  
**JOINT COMMITMENT**

**Through this joint Commitment document, Métis Nation BC, and Niwîkôwin Métis Family Services Society (the Parties) commit to placing Métis children, youth, and families at the centre of all that we do and honour the traditional concept of Awasisiwin, which means a good childhood for the future of our people.**

**AGREED UNDERSTANDINGS**

The Métis National Council, the Provincial Government of British Columbia, and the Federal Government of Canada recognize Métis Nation BC as the Governing Nation for Métis in BC.

Niwîkôwin Métis Family Services Society is a non-profit society that is recognized and empowered by the Métis citizens of Prince George and Métis Nation BC to provide holistic services that promote the physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual well-being of Métis children and families in the community.

**OBJECTIVES**

The Parties have agreed that they must:

- » Support Niwîkôwin Métis Family Services Society in achieving a delegation agreement with the Ministry of Children and Family Development (MCFD)
- » Continue the work to reduce the number of Métis children and youth in the care of the current system and support family preservation.
- » Develop mechanisms that promote engaging with MNBC in the design and development of programs and initiatives that impact Métis children, youth, and families
- » Seek the provincial and federal government's involvement and commitment to these objectives.
- » Work collaboratively in the spirit of reconciliation to achieve these objectives.
- » Develop a work plan to achieve these objectives and their shared focus.

**COMMITMENT**

This document represents a high-level commitment for the Parties to work together to achieve these objectives. To this end, Métis Nation BC commits to work with Niwîkôwin Métis Family Services Society to restore the inherent rights and responsibilities to care for the safety and wellbeing of Métis children, youth and families and improve programs and services for families in the North Central Region.

Witnessed and signed this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ in the year 2022 at \_\_\_\_\_, B.C.

**On Behalf of the:**  
Niwîkôwin Métis Family Services Society

**On Behalf of:**  
Métis Nation British Columbia

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**President**  
Niwîkôwin Métis Family Services Society

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**Minister of Children and Families**  
Métis Nation British Columbia

