



RESOLUTION 2

REFERRED TO THE MNGA GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE AT THE SEPTEMBER 2024 MÉTIS NATION BRITISH COLUMBIA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Subject: MNBC Citizenship for Métis with Connections to BC Living Out-of-Province

Legislation Affected: *Citizenship Act*

Submitted by: Métis Nation Governing Assembly via Cowichan Valley Métis Association

Submitted to: AGM Clerk

Date Submitted: December 2, 2023

Vote Required for Approval: Majority

WHEREAS

1. All Métis are entitled to be connected to their Métis heritage and have their Métis identity validated; and
2. All BC Métis are entitled to stay apprised of events and information available through Métis Nation British Columbia; and
3. It is in the interests of the Métis Nation British Columbia to have as many citizens with ties to British Columbia as possible represented by MNBC; and
4. All Métis persons should have the right to be connected to their Métis Community and/or their Métis Immediate or Extended Family Members; and
5. Not all Provinces have representative Métis bodies recognized by the Métis National Council, in which MNBC is a member.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT

The *Citizenship Act* be amended as follows:

- A. Strike articles 3.1.1 and 3.1.2 and insert the following in their place:
 - 3.1.1 The Applicant normally resides within the Chartered Community area and the jurisdiction of the MNBC, or;
 - 3.1.2 The Applicant submits an application for Citizenship as described in Article 3.1 and meets the citizenship criteria set out in Section 61 of the *Constitution*, and:
 - resides outside of the Historic Métis Homeland,
 - is endorsed by a MNBC Métis Chartered Community, and;

- can demonstrate an immediate family tie to a Métis Citizen in British Columbia, is eligible to apply for MNBC Citizenship, if;

3.1.3 The Applicant expressly holds themselves out to be Métis in the Chartered Community and/or within the jurisdiction of the MNBC,

B. In Article 3.2, strike the words “Articles 3.1., 3.1.1 and 3.1.2” and insert “Articles 3.1.1, or 3.1.2, and 3.1.3” in their place so that the Article will read as follows:

3.2 Once the Citizenship Authority is satisfied that the Applicant has met the conditions in Articles 3.1, 3.1.1 or 3.1.2, and 3.1.3, the Citizenship Authority may issue the Applicant notification of Chartered Community acceptance not exceeding 90 days, and then issue a Métis Nation British Columbia Citizenship Card.

referred.

AMENDMENT MOVED AND SECONDED

THAT the following be inserted as the second bullet point in 3.1.2, above:

- resides in a location without a provincial or territorial Métis Governing Body;

referred.

REFERRAL MOVED AND SECONDED

To commit Resolution 2 to the MNGA Governance Committee for further refinement and resubmission to the MNGA.

CARRIED.