



RESOLUTION

SUBMITTED TO THE 2021 MÉTIS NATION GOVERNING ASSEMBLY

Subject: MNBC Constitution – Amending Formula
Legislation Affected: MNBC *Constitution*
Submitted by: MNBC Board of Directors
Submitted to: MNGA Clerk
Date Submitted: March 23, 2021

WHEREAS:

- A. A constitution of a Nation represents the will of its people, and sets out the principles under which the citizens of a Nation have agreed to be governed, and is subject to the “living tree” doctrine which provides that a nation should be vigilant to ensure that its constitution is current and adapted to changes brought about through time;
- B. The MNBC *Constitution* is the supreme governing legislation for the Métis Citizens of British Columbia, and, from time to time, it is deemed necessary to review its provisions, and to incorporate any changes that may be due to the changing times and the needs and wishes of the Métis Citizens of British Columbia, and to provide clarity where it is seen to be required;
- C. It is good governance for the MNBC to have any rules and restrictions, specifically regarding the threshold of MNBC Citizens that must approve any further amendments to the *Constitution* transparently stated in the *Constitution*; and
- D. The *Constitution* does not specify an amending formula.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Section “Amendment” of the *Constitution* be amended to mirror the amending formula that currently exists in the *Bylaws of the Métis Provincial Council of British Columbia* by:

Adding the following:

- A. 73. *This Constitution will only be amended by the following process:*
 - 73.1 *Any amendment must be ratified by the MNGA, pursuant to the legislation of the MNGA Act;*
 - 73.2 *Amendments ratified by the MNGA are then presented for final approval to the Citizens in present at the MNBC AGM.*
 - 73.3 *At least seventy-five (75%) of votes cast in favor of the proposed amendment is required for ratification.*