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### A Statement from the Provincial Métis Council

**August 25, 2025 – Heartland of the Métis and Treaty 6 Territory, Saskatoon, SK** – Métis Nation–Saskatchewan (MN–S) Provincial Métis Council (PMC) has serious concern with the growing number of false, harmful and derogatory social media posts targeting MN–S staff. Last week, the PMC passed a motion responding to the ongoing harassment. The motion directs the MN–S government to issue Cease and Desist letters to the individuals that have carried out the most egregious acts of defamation and slander. These individuals are responsible for issuing harmful and untrue statements and if their actions persist, the MN–S will pursue further legal action against them.

The PMC is also extremely concerned that the MN–S Chief Executive Officer (CEO) is being defamed by accusations that he is not a Métis citizen. The CEO is a registered MN–S citizen who meets the National Definition of Métis. Every MN–S citizen, in every application process, undergoes this same thorough verification, which includes genealogy research, documentation, and independent review. To suggest otherwise is false, derogatory, and an attack on the integrity of our Registry and our Nation. As directed through a resolution of the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly (MNLA) at the November 2024 MNLA, an outside and independent auditor has completed a process audit of the MN-S registry. This report was completed by KPMG and will be presented at the September 2025 MNLA.

Our government firmly stands behind our CEO and all MN–S staff and will take every necessary action to make sure they have a safe work environment.

Since the inception of the Métis people, we have been guided by teachings and laws such as the Laws of St. Laurent that help to reinforce the cultural and family values that form the foundation of our Nation. The Laws of St. Laurent held that “any person who shall defame the character of another person and shall attack his honour, his virtue, or his probity shall be liable...” It is with these historic, foundational principles in mind that we seek to resolve the wrongdoings carried out against members of the MN-S public service. We ask you, the citizens of the MN–S, to stand with us to live up to the teachings of our Elders, respect MN–S laws,



and work to support communities both on-line and on-the-ground to uphold standards of respect and security for all.

For more information on the Laws of St. Laurent please visit our website at <https://www.metisnationsk.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/09/MN-S-Laws-Regulations-St.-Laurent.pdf>

