RESOLUTION OF THE MANITOBA MÉTIS FEDERATION

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OCTOBER 16 - 18, 2026

Regarding Red River Métis Equitable Access, Identity Integrity and Representation in film, television and related cultural Industries

WHEREAS the Red River Métis is a rights-bearing Indigenous People, Canada's negotiating partner in Confederation, and the Founder of Manitoba;

AND WHEREAS the Red River Métis has shaped the history of this country;

AND WHEREAS despite the role of our People in the foundation of this country, the Red River Métis have often been excluded from and misrepresented in film, television, and related cultural industries in Canada and beyond;

AND WHEREAS this exclusion has resulted in the misrepresentation of our collective story and our People in media and on the screen**;**

AND WHEREAS self-identification is often the basis for access to opportunity in film, television, and other related cultural industries;

AND WHEREAS this self-identification allows for the theft of our identity and lost opportunity for our People;

AND WHEREAS this perpetuates the underrepresentation of our People employed and working in the film and television industry;

AND WHEREAS Article 16 (2) of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples directs that:

> States shall take effective measures to ensure that State-owned media duly reflect indigenous cultural diversity. States, without prejudice to ensuring full freedom of expression, should encourage privately owned media to adequately reflect indigenous cultural diversity

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Manitoba Métis Federation National Assembly requests the MMF Cabinet to consider:

1. **Identifying and Reviewing** barriers to Red River Métis participation in film, television and related cultural industries, in consultation with Citizens and industry participants, to recommend priority actions.

2. **Developing** Nation-led protocols for the film, television, and other related industries that
    a. affirm the Nation's authority over Citizenship and support Citizenship verification,
    b. address identity fraud, and
    c. promote accurate representation of Red River Métis history, identity and culture.

3. **Identifying and Advocating** priority measures to improve Red River Métis access to employment, training, financing, professional representation and creative authority, and to address the cumulative effects of exclusion.

4. **Engaging** governments, funders and Canadian and international industry bodies to seek adoption of these protocols and improve Red River Métis access to industry programs and opportunities.

5. **Identifying** available data and gaps in measuring Red River Métis participation and underrepresentation, consistent with Red River Métis data-governance principles.

6. **Reporting** actions, findings and recommendations arising from this resolution to a future National Assembly.

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