

RESOLUTION 10

ADOPTED AT THE SEPTEMBER 2024 MÉTIS NATION BRITISH COLUMBIA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Subject: Ensuring Representation for Women and Youth at the MNGA and

Regional Governance Councils

Legislation Affected: Constitution, Electoral Act, Métis Nation Women's Act, Métis Nation

Youth Act

Submitted by: Métis Nation Governing Assembly via South Okanagan Similkameen

Métis Society

Submitted to: AGM Clerk

Date Submitted: June 1, 2024

Vote Required for Approval: 75%

WHEREAS

1. Chartered Community Presidents constitute a majority of the membership of Regional Governance Councils (RGCs) and the Métis Nation Governing Assembly (MNGA);

- 2. In the event a Community President cannot attend an RGC or MNGA Meeting, the Vice-President may attend in their place;
- 3. Chartered Community Presidents and Vice-Presidents are leaders in their community, and as such may also hold elected Regional positions; and
- 4. If a President or Vice-President is also an elected Regional representative, reduction of representation at an RGC or MNGA for groups such as women and youth may be negatively impacted.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT

- A. The following be added as Article 12.1 to the *Constitution*:
 - While serving in one of the positions noted in Article 12, a member of the MNBC Board of Directors may not hold a position on a Chartered Community Board.
- B. The following be added as Article 8.10 to the *Electoral Act*:
 - 8.10 Upon election, by vote or acclamation, as a Regional Women's or Youth Representative, a Citizen who holds the position of President or Vice-President on a Chartered Community Board must immediately resign from that position.

C. The following be added as a sub-Article to Article 5.4 of the *Métis Nation Women's Act*:

Upon election, by vote or acclamation, as a Regional Women's Representative, a Citizen who holds the position of President or Vice-President on a Chartered Community Board must immediately resign from that position.

- i. If the position of Regional Women's Representative is vacant between elections, a President or Vice-President of a Chartered Community may be appointed to the position on an interim basis, subject to procedures set out in the *Constitution* and the *MNGA Act*.
- D. The following be added as a sub-Article to Article 5.5 of the *Métis Nation Youth Act*:

Upon election, by vote or acclamation, as a Regional Youth Representative, a Citizen who holds the position of President or Vice-President on a Chartered Community Board must immediately resign from that position.

i. If the position of Regional Youth Representative is vacant between elections, a President or Vice-President of a Chartered Community may be appointed to the position on an interim basis, subject to procedures set out in the *Constitution* and the *MNGA Act*.