

RESOLUTION – MNO AGA 2014

WHEREAS the Métis Nation of Ontario has a mandate to protect the rights and interests of its Citizens including the right to live our lives free of all forms of violence and abuse;

WHEREAS the Métis Nation of Ontario recognizes that Aboriginal women and girls suffer disproportionately high levels of violence in all its forms;

WHEREAS the Métis Nation of Ontario acknowledges the negative impacts violence has on the wellbeing of our families, our communities and our nation;

WHEREAS the Métis Nation of Ontario is a full partner in Ontario's Joint Working Group to End Violence Against Aboriginal Women;

WHEREAS the Métis Nation of Ontario is a signatory to the Framework to End Violence Against Aboriginal Women;

WHEREAS the Métis Nation of Ontario leadership is committed to preventing and addressing Violence Against Aboriginal Women to the best of its ability;

THEREFORE the Métis Nation of Ontario President will write to the Prime Minister urging the federal government to implement a national inquiry into missing and murdered Aboriginal women; and

THEREFORE; the Métis Nation of Ontario hereby proclaims the adoption of the Métis Nation Declaration to End Violence Against Aboriginal Women.

Moved by: Gary Lipinski

Seconded by: Sharon McBride

Métis Nation Declaration to End Violence Against Aboriginal Women

We, the Métis Nation of Ontario, declare our full commitment to work to End Violence Against Aboriginal Women.

We, the Métis Nation of Ontario, are a people who honour and respect the family, our elders who hold the key to our past, and our children, who are our future.

We, the Métis Nation of Ontario, are inspired by the values of our ancestors and reaffirm our commitment to democracy, freedom, generosity, justice, fairness and equality.

We, the Métis Nation of Ontario, regard Violence Against Women to include any act of gender-based violence that results in, or is likely to result in, physical, sexual, psychological or spiritual harm or suffering to women, including threats of such acts, whether occurring in public or in private life.

We, the Métis Nation of Ontario, acknowledge the causes of violence against Aboriginal women and girls are rooted in a history of colonial policies that attempted to destroy cultures and that have traumatized generations of Indigenous people.

We, the Métis Nation of Ontario, are a distinct Aboriginal people committed to working together and with our sisters and brothers to end Violence, in all of its shapes and forms, against Aboriginal women.

We, the Métis Nation of Ontario, will not accept or tolerate violence in any form in our families, in our communities or in our nation.

Guided by our spiritual values we, the Métis Nation of Ontario, aspire to attain our highest potential and live our lives with dignity and honour, free of discrimination and violence.