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## MÉTIS NATION OF ONTARIO RECOGNIZED

**Ottawa** — Leaders of the Métis National Council have recognized the Métis Nation of Ontario as the representative organization of the Métis people of Ontario. The decision was made last week at a meeting of the Métis Nation Executive in Ottawa.

"Forming an organization for Métis people exclusively in Ontario is an exciting development", said Gerald Morin, President of the Métis National Council. "They will now have the means to stand on their own in dealing with critical issues such as Métis enumeration in Ontario", he added. "This is a bold and historic step and fundamental to self-government. We congratulate the Métis Nation of Ontario and give them our full support", he concluded.

The Métis Nation of Ontario was announced on October 20, 1993. An Interim Board of Directors of 15 Métis leaders from throughout Ontario has been appointed to a Provisional Council of the Métis Nation of Ontario. The organization is planning to host a "Delegates Assembly" early in the New Year. Province wide ballot box elections for the Executive are being scheduled for next spring.

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