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- 1.** The Name of the Society is MIKI'SIW Métis Association.
- 2.** The purpose of the society is:
 - a)** To advance the interests of the Métis people within MIKI'SIW Métis Associations region (Nation) on Vancouver Island;
 - b)** To work with all levels of government in promoting and formulating projects affecting the Métis people within the MIKI'SIW Métis Nation;
 - c)** To establish programs that will benefit the Métis people
 - d)** To work with other organizations in the community, whenever possible, for the advancement of the Métis people;
 - e)** To promote recreational and cultural activities for the Métis People
 - f)** To educate, promote and encourage the beliefs and traditions of the Métis Nation;
 - g)** To solicit funds, apply for grants, raise funds and accept donations to carry out the objectives of the Association in the MIKI'SIW Métis Nation;
 - h)** To educate the general public about the historical significance of the Métis people in Canada;
 - i)** To purchase, obtain, lease or otherwise acquire any lands,

- buildings, easements or property real and / or personal, which may be requisite for the purposes of, or capable of being conveniently used in connection with any of the objectives of the MIKI'SIW Métis Association;
- j)** To hire, engage or otherwise secure the services of persons or firms for the promotion and/or carrying out any objectives of the MIKI'SIW Métis Association.

3. Founding Principles:

- a)** The Métis Nation is distinct within the Aboriginal peoples of Canada. The Métis are distinct from First Nations and Inuit and are the descendants of the historic Métis who evolved, as a people with a common political will and consciousness.
- b)** In accordance with section 35 of the *Constitution Act, 1982*, the Métis people are an Aboriginal people within *Canada* whose existing Aboriginal and *treaty rights* are recognized and affirmed.

This provision is unalterable.

4. Fundamental Rights of Métis People:

- a)** The MIKI'SIW Métis Nation has the right of self-determination. By virtue of that right we, the citizens of the Métis Nation, will freely determine our political status and freely pursue our political status and freely pursue our economic, social and cultural development.
- b)** The MIKI'SIW Métis Nation undertakes to respect and ensure to all Métis citizens within the Nation rights without distinction of any kind such as sex, language, religion, and political or other views.
- c)** Métis men and Métis women equally enjoy all civil and political rights set forth in these articles.
- d)** Every Métis citizen has the right to liberty of movement and

freedom to choose their residence.

- e)** No Métis citizen shall be subject to arbitrary or unlawful interference with their privacy, family, home or correspondence, nor to unlawful attacks on their honour or reputation.
- f)** Every Métis citizen has the right to freedom of thought, expression, conscience and religion.
- g)** Nothing in this constitution abrogates or derogate from the rights Métis people have or may exercise under the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

This provision is unalterable.