



A Message From Our New Metis Child and Family Services Minister **Mona Buors**

It is with great excitement I introduce myself as the newly appointed Minister of Metis Child and Family Services. A portfolio I hold dear to my heart and in high regard as a Metis grandmother, mother, educator and Metis citizen.

We have come a long way since 1982 when a provincial moratorium to end the placement of Metis children who were adopted out of Manitoba and Canada was put into place and the MMF began offering non-mandated programs and services.

This time of annual reporting by our Authority and Agencies is a proud day for Metis children, families and the Metis Nation of Manitoba as a whole. It represents the outcome of hard work and dedication by many who have worked through the years to have our own right to care for our children recognized and affirmed.

We are here today to recognize the vision and dedication of the Metis Government, staff, and volunteers as well as the years of hard work it takes to make this once dream a strong reality. This vision has been continually focused and strengthened through the evolution of Metis Child and Family Services.

I would also like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the unsung heroes who do this work every day...the staff. They have been the strength in this process and have consistently set the standard of dedication and commitment in the ongoing development of the Agencies and Authority. Their loyalty to maintaining the integrity of our Metis Government's vision has not gone unnoticed.

I thank President David Chartrand for the confidence he has shown in me by appointing me to this important portfolio during a time when historic negotiations in child welfare are now occurring provincially and nationally. I pledge that I will work hard alongside him, my fellow MMF Cabinet Members, our Metis CFS leaders and our communities for our rights and for enhanced resources that can benefit our Metis children and families.

I know that I will be strongly joined in this mission of change by our new Associate Minister JoAnne Remillard. The MMF Caucus would also like to extend our appreciation to the Boards of the Authority and Agencies for their guidance in the protection of our children and families.

With that I would like to wish you all the best and look forward to the future. Thank you.



JoAnne Remillard
Associate Minister



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