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President

My Dear Citizens,

I am honoured to provide you with this delegate package for the upcoming virtual AGA taking place on March 27 & 28, 2021.

It has been a remarkable year, one that will go down in history as the truest test of our humanity and resilience. Little did COVID know that our Metis Nation is not new to resilience. The very existence and survival of our people is founded on our resilience. It has been part of our Nation's character since before confederation.

Your Metis Government was put to the test when COVID emerged in the spring of 2020. World-wide panic swept every corner of the globe and our people looked to us for answers. On behalf of your dedicated and hardworking cabinet – I am proud to say we answered your call.

Setting aside our daily priorities we focused on the very essence of our existence. Keeping our Citizens safe and protecting our families.

As we worked with fervor to support our Citizens throughout the entire province, the grace and kindness of our people humbled us. Our Nations true character shone through the darkness as we witnessed our youth stepping up to take care of our Elders.

Our values of sharing and caring resonated throughout the Nation as our Elders thanked us for their emergency supplies, and kindly refusing when they had what they needed– telling us to share with others.

Our very own Metis Front Line Workers fearlessly facing the dangers – not daunted by the risks as they set about serving our people.

It has become known that the true anti-virus to COVID is kindness. I will be the first to burst with pride as I tell the world that the Metis Nation has had this anti-virus all along. Kindness has always been a part of who we are, one of the truest defining characteristics of our Nation.

As we get ready to gather at the end of March, I ask for your patience. We are all new to the emerging technology that allows us to continue to communicate safely. Our first ever virtual Assembly is making history, and while COVID has taken away our hugs, it cannot take away our gatherings!

I personally am excited for this Assembly. I have missed my people deeply. I am lonesome to see all of your faces, and if that means we have to gather in this virtual world, then so be it.

In closing I want to thank each and every one of you for keeping the faith in your Metis Government. It is your confidence and faith that has made many wonderful things happen within your government, and I can't wait to share with you on March 27 & 28th.

The MMF has your back!

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Your President, David