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SPEAKER**

DAVID CHARTRAND, LL.D. (HONS), O.M.

President, Manitoba Métis Federation (MMF)
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President David Chartrand has been at the forefront of Métis political leadership for over 35 years and President of the Manitoba Métis Federation (MMF) for more than 25 years. President Chartrand is the longest serving President in the Federation's history, currently serving an unprecedented eighth term. A renowned national and international Ambassador and published author, President Chartrand has built the most comprehensive Indigenous Government in Western Canada and has helped the Métis Nation win several critical court cases, including the 2013 Supreme Court decision on the Manitoba Métis land claims.

He was born in 1960 and raised in the Métis village of Duck Bay, Manitoba. The fourth of eight children, President Chartrand attributes his strong sense of identity and integrity to his mother Martha, who taught him that his name was the most important thing he owned, and that he must always protect it by acting with honour and respect.

Under President Chartrand's leadership, the MMF and the Red River Métis people have reemerged as economic leaders as a government and across a variety of sectors.

When asked what his greatest accomplishment as President has been, he said: "Giving back to my people and protecting the future for our youth. Never forget where you come from."