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Métis Nation congratulates Dr. Tony Belcourt

(Ottawa, ON) -- Métis National Council (MNC) President Clément Chartier is congratulating Dr. Tony Belcourt on receiving an Honourary Doctor of Laws Degree from Lakehead University.

“Tony Belcourt has dedicated much of his life to improving the lives of Métis people, and this honour is very well deserved,” said President Chartier. “His contributions have helped foster a stronger and more prosperous Métis Nation.”

Dr. Belcourt helped found and was the first president of the Métis Nation of Ontario (MNO). Under his leadership, the MNO spear headed the historic Supreme Court R v. Powley case, establishing the recognition of harvesting rights across the Métis homeland.

“On behalf of all Métis Nation citizens, I thank Dr. Belcourt for his years of service and congratulate him on receiving this prestigious honour,” said Chartier.

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The MNC represents the Métis Nation in Canada at the national and international level. The Métis Nation's homeland includes the 3 Prairie Provinces and extends into Ontario, British Columbia, the Northwest Territories and the northern United States. There are approximately 350,000 – 400,000 Métis Nation citizens in Canada, roughly a quarter of all Aboriginal peoples in the country.